

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday.
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, unsettled and mild with occasional rain.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled and milder, with sleet or rain.

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WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantages—Vanderbilt.
Royal Victoria—Douglas Fairbanks.
Variety—Pauline Frederick.
Dominion—Max Marsh.
Columbia—A. Mormon Maid.

FOURTEEN PAGES

BERLIN RESORTS TO THREATS IN EFFORT TO END THE STRIKE

Strikers in Seven Berlin Plants Told to Get to Work by 7 a. m. Monday or They Would Be Dealt With Under Military Law; Spandau Riots

London, Feb. 2.—Threats and force are being used by the German military authorities to crush the strikers throughout the country. These drastic measures have not yet ended the strike movement. The censorship is permitting only semi-official statements on the situation to leave Germany, and even these make no claim that the strike has ended.

Pessimism is said to exist in Berlin over the outcome of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations.

London, Feb. 2.—Seven Berlin factories have been placed under martial law and the strikers ordered to resume their work by 7 a. m. Monday at the latest, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam to-day. The failure to return, it is announced, will be punished according to military discipline.

Riots at Spandau.
London, Feb. 2.—Serious rioting on Thursday in Spandau, where important German war industries are located, is reported in German newspapers, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says. Soldiers were at

FRESH APPEAL TO BRITISH FARMERS

Prothero and Rhondda Point Out Seriousness of Food Situation

London, Feb. 2.—Addressing a meeting of farmers to-day, Rt. Hon. Rowland Edmund Prothero, President of the Board of Agriculture, said the country was in a most critical position, and approaching the rapidly. If the farmers did not assist him and Baron Rhondda, the Food Controller, the country would be swept over, said Mr. Prothero.

The farmers were told that they had to make drastic changes in their methods. There was only one way to feed the working horses on reduced rations after making allowances for milking stocks, Mr. Prothero continued. There was no concentrated food for cattle, and this shortage must last at least until this time next year.

Mr. Prothero advised the farmers to grow all the potatoes they could.

Rhondda's Appeal.
Baron Rhondda, who also spoke, said regarding the wheat situation:

"The position in two or three months may be serious indeed."

Baron Rhondda said that if the farmers only could get a million acres of potatoes under cultivation this year, there would be no fear of starvation.

Baron Rhondda announced that from November 1 next he would take over the whole surplus potato crop of Great Britain, and that the minimum price would range from 15 to 16 lbs. a ton.

PRISONERS TAKEN BY BRITISH AND FRENCH IN COURSE OF RAIDS

London, Feb. 2.—During the night a party of Liverpool troops successfully raided enemy trenches southeast of Arras and brought back prisoners," the War Office reports. "A raid attempted by enemy parties north of Paschendale was repulsed."

French Report.
Paris, Feb. 2.—"The night passed in quiet," says to-day's official statement. "There was some artillery fighting in the region of Burnhaupt-le-Haut, Alsace. A raid north of Mortier Wood enabled us to bring back prisoners."

AGAIN INDUSTRIAL CONSCRIPTION OPPOSED BY B. C. LABOR MEN

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—The annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor, which opened here on Monday, closed this morning with the adoption of an important resolution which reverts its position in its stand against industrial conscription and instructs the executive to arrange for as wide an educational campaign as possible among unorganized labor, also directing that a circular letter be sent to each union asking it to devote half an hour at its next regular meeting to discuss industrial conscription.

President McCallum closed the convention with an expression of good wishes to all the delegates.

Victoria Daily Times

Berlin Keeps Polish Troops in Russia at Distance From Home

Petrograd, Feb. 2.—About 40,000 Polish troops in the Russian army who have maintained their units intact in the face of the Bolshevik organization measures and had expressed a desire to return from Russia to Poland, have been stopped by a German objection to the plan. Germany has absolutely refused to permit their repatriation.

These troops are still commanded by their old officers, having resisted the Bolshevik plan of reducing the officers to the ranks and electing new ones.

REPRISALS ARE URGED TO END JAILING OF BRITISH AIRMEN BY THE GERMANS

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—Two captured British airmen, The Tages Zeitung says, have been sentenced by a German court-martial to ten years' imprisonment for dropping copies of a hostile proclamation in Germany.

London, Feb. 2.—Reprisals are demanded by The London Daily Mail for the action of the German military authorities in sentencing two British airmen to ten years' imprisonment for dropping leaflets in Germany. The newspaper, which features the story to the exclusion of most of the other news, says: "The enemy is carrying out the threat published after the report that a million copies of President Wilson's declaration of peace terms would be dropped from aeroplanes in Germany. The Germans first began to drop propaganda leaflets in the Allied lines more than three years ago. The practice helped to wreck Russia and caused the disastrous Italian retreat." The Daily Mail wants the reprisals to take the form of putting captured German officers and other prisoners on the same rations and living conditions as British prisoners receive in Germany.

REGULATIONS FOR MILLS MAKING FLOUR

Farina May Be Made Only Under Permit System of Fees

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The Food Controller's regulations controlling the flour mills in Canada automatically prohibit the manufacture of farina, cream of wheat or similar products. Additional regulations which have just been announced provide that upon written application the Food Controller may grant permission to mills to manufacture what is known to the trade as Farina for children and invalids.

The regulations also provide for an annual licence fee of \$10 for all mills of 100 barrels capacity or less a day. This fee is increased by \$5 for every additional 100 barrels or fraction thereof in daily capacity up to a maximum fee of \$600. Each flour mill is required to make a written statement on the first and sixteenth days of each month, showing the amount of wheat ground during the previous half month, the weight of flour produced therefrom and the quantity of wheat used in making each barrel of 196 pounds of flour.

Mills are permitted to make blended flour by mixing spring and winter wheat; but the regulations require that no mill shall take more than 272 pounds of sound, clean wheat to make 196 pounds of any blended flour. Such blended flour shall be known as a straight run or full 100 per cent flour, extraction or division, on patents, clear or low grades being expressly prohibited.

AUSTRIAN PREMIER PLEADS WITH MEMBERS AGAIN FOR FREE HAND

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—According to advices received here, Dr. von Seydler, the Austrian Premier, replying to criticisms of his Government's programme, declared in the lower House Thursday:

"Give me a free sea and then you soon will perceive that I am able to negotiate, but it is the tragic fate of this Government that during the storm it is thrown on the rocks, even among the mine-fields. Nevertheless the Government maintains its course and soon will show that, especially in the economic respect, it is endeavoring to achieve very positive results."

ONTARIO'S FUEL SHORTAGE.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—The scarcity of fuel is so great in the rural parts of York County that members of the York County Council declared last evening that there was danger of some persons freezing to death or their farms

German Aerodrome in Belgium Bombed By British Airmen

London, Feb. 2.—The Admiralty announces that British naval aircraft at noon Wednesday bombed three groups of sheds and hangars at the West aerodrome, Belgium. Several direct hits caused flames.

INTERMENT SENTENCE.

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—Otto Koenigsbaur, a German, was sentenced here yesterday to interment at Kapuskasing, Ont., on being found guilty of corresponding with the enemy.

GENERAL STRIKE IN AMSTERDAM PLANNED

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—While the police and military are preparing for a general strike in Amsterdam on Monday, there are indications that the movement probably will not assume serious proportions. The members of the moderate unions have issued a proclamation urging their fellow members not to follow the dictates of the leaders of the syndicalists, who are said to desire to spread a strike throughout the country.

The strike movement is said to be backed by Socialists with Bolshevik tendencies, and is declared to be an outward sign of the discontent of the working classes arising out of privations due to the war.

APPEALANTS UNDER MILITARY ACT MUST CARRY OUT ORDERS

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Amendment has been made to the Military Service Act in regard to appeals from decisions of local tribunals. The amendment provides that where an extension of time for appealing is granted, the extension is given conditionally on the man performing any military duty he may have been ordered to perform.

A REVOLUTION WAS URGED IN LEAFLET ISSUED IN GERMANY

London, Feb. 2.—A copy of one of the leaflets which were circulated in Berlin and helped to start the strike in Germany has been obtained by the Amsterdam correspondent of The London Daily Express. The leaflet calls the Government's expressed desire for peace only a mask, and declares that the only way to end the misery and the wholesale massacre is to overthrow the present Government and establish a republic.

The leaflet says further: "Only by rising en masse, only by a general strike that shall put a stop to all industrial activity and especially the war industry, only by a revolution and by wresting from the hands of tyrants a democratic republic for Germany, can a halt be called to the international butchery and a general peace be brought about."

"Workers! Let us prepare for a

ARREST OF A SOCIALIST DEPUTY IN BERLIN CAUSES A NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION TO BE STARTED

Germans Refuse to Let Bolshevik Go on Trip to Warsaw

Petrograd, Feb. 2.—Members of the Bolshevik peace delegation at Brest-Litovsk have been refused permission by Dr. von Kuehlmann, head of the German delegation, to visit Warsaw. Dr. von Kuehlmann, however, allowed a member of the Ukrainian Rada, who had participated in the peace negotiations, to go to the Polish capital.

FARM CONSCRIPTION OPPOSED BY LABOR

Ottawa is Told Workers Are Against Proposal for Forced Labor

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The representatives of labor who have been in conference with the Government for the last week have left the capital, the conference being concluded. The points raised by the labor men in the course of the week's discussion covered a wide field. Their attitude and suggestions and the views expressed are covered in an authoritative report made available to-day by the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, after consultation with members of the Government. A full and confidential statement, it is intimated, will be issued later to all local unions in the Dominion.

Railroads.
The labor men asked for the nationalization of all the railroads in Canada. Failing action by the Government in this direction, the Government was requested to create a federal control board which would operate the roads as a unit during the war.

The reported shortage of labor for railway maintenance was regarded by the labor men as being largely a result of the war. Work is said to have been resumed at Hamburg and Danzig. For the most part traffic was maintained in an orderly manner, the statement adds. Publication of all the newspapers has been resumed.

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The workmen are urged meanwhile to retain their present jobs until notified they are not wanted for shipbuilding.

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Paris, Feb. 2.—A dispatch to The Havas Agency from Berne says that reinforcement of Swiss troops on the Swiss border have been decided upon by the Federal Council because of the interior and exterior situation. A brigade of infantry and detachments of cavalry and pioneers have been added to the forces.

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Nation-Wide Protest Being Organized Following Seizure of Deputy Dittman While He Was Trying to Address Crowd in Berlin Suburb

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—Berlin newspapers just received here state that Wilhelm Dittman, a Socialist member of the Reichstag, was arrested when he attempted to address a crowd in a suburb of Berlin.

London, Feb. 2.—A national demonstration is being organized in Germany as a protest against the arrest of Deputy Dittman, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam reports. Hugo Haase, a Socialist Deputy, appealed to Chancellor von Hertling to obtain the release of Deputy Dittman. Chancellor von Hertling said he was powerless, as Berlin was entirely in the hands of the military.

Deputy Dittman's name was linked last October with those of Deputies Haase and Vogtherre, also Socialists, with the mutiny in the German fleet. The Vorwaerts, in its report of a debate in the Reichstag, by Deputy Dittman.

SECRET MEETINGS IN WEST GERMANY

Men Gather Quietly to Decide Whether to Join the Strike

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—The frontier correspondent of The Handelsblad speaks of secret meetings held by workmen in Western Germany to decide whether to join the strikes. Should the decision be in the affirmative, the workmen are declared to be determined to make the cessation of work general.

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JUNKERS AFRAID TO CALL REICHSTAG

Berliner Tageblatt Says Socialists Would Express Strike Ideas on Floor

London, Feb. 2.—A demand that the German Reichstag be summoned to discuss the strike was made by The Vorwaerts in a leading article on Friday, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, dated Friday, says. The Berliner Tageblatt, it is added, declares that the civil power will not grant the wish of the Socialists and summon the Reichstag, as the radical elements would only be given an opportunity to recite strike propaganda on the floor of the House.

Berlin Riots.
Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—The newspaper Syd-Svenska from a reliable source that the rioting in Berlin on Thursday was precipitated by a shot fired when the police were trying to disperse a crowd which was proceeding toward Charlottenburg crying "Peace and Bread."

A panic followed when the shot was fired, and the police charged the crowd with drawn sabres. The strikers sought shelter behind overturned tram cars and fired or hurled projectiles at the police, who were unable to keep the excited people under control. About thirty strikers were wounded and taken to a hospital. Many onlookers who were wounded were treated in drug stores.

Crowds at various places attempted further riots, detachments of cavalry and machine gun corps the authorities are able to rely on, have been collected in the neighborhood of Berlin.

SINN FEIN TACTICS IN ELECTION FIGHT IN SOUTH ARMAGH

Toronto, Feb. 2.—A Dublin cable to The New York Globe to-day says: "The belief is prevalent that the Sinn Fein tactics in South Armagh are inspired from New York."

"Trainloads of armed Sinn Fein volunteers are moving from all parts of the country. De Valera has announced defiantly that the McCartans have decided to dominate the constituency and are massing forces at strategic points and poll stations and securing the farmers by means of the land tax. If the Nationalists win the Ulster Nationalists are not to be lightly put off by intimidation by armed mobs and large forces of police armed with rifles and bayonets are in the riding."

VORWAERTS SAYS MOST OF GERMANS DEMAND A NEGOTIATED PEACE

London, Feb. 2.—The Amsterdam correspondent of The London Daily Express sends an excerpt from an editorial in the Berlin Socialist organ Vorwaerts, which appeared again Friday after being suspended. The Vorwaerts says:

"We do not want the disruption of Germany or civil war. We want the Government to understand the standpoint of the majority of the people. It is a simple quarrel between those who want peace by might and those who want peace by understanding."

INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS.

Regina, Feb. 2.—James Endle, of Regina, has been appointed Assistant Inspector of Weights and Measures in the Regina District.

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SWISS LABOR UNIONS ASK DEMOBILIZATION

Paris, Feb. 2.—A dispatch from Geneva, Switzerland, to The Times says that the Swiss Federal Council, at an extraordinary meeting at which General Ulrich Wille, Commander-in-Chief of the army, and his Chief of Staff were present, considered the ultimatum that had been issued to the Federal Council by the Swiss Federation

of Labor, demanding demobilization of the Swiss army, beginning immediately and terminating not later than May 1.

The labor ultimatum also demands that deserters and recalcitrants, as well as men in the auxiliary services, shall be mustered out immediately and given their unpaid salaries.

The Federation of Labor unions adopted the resolution by a vote of 132 to 75, but the minority declared that the action was irregular.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIKI CONGRESS CALLED

At Moscow To-morrow; Orenburg and Odessa Held by Bolsheviki

Belne, Feb. 2.—A dispatch received from Moscow by way of Kiev and Vienna says the anti-Bolshevik parties have convened the Congress of All-Russia to meet in Moscow on February 3, to replace the Constituent Assembly.

The dispatch adds that invitations have been sent to 195 representatives of the army and navy and 100 to the representatives of urban workmen, 420 to peasants, thirty-two to village zemstvos, sixty-two to the boroughs and fifty-two to co-operative societies. The Congress is to elect a Government, which is to hold office until the new Constituent Assembly can definitely decide on the future of the country. It also is proposed to enact an electoral law for the Constituent Assembly.

Orenburg Taken.
Petrograd, Feb. 1.—(Via London, Feb. 2.)—Bolshevik troops have captured Orenburg, capital of the Government of Orenburg.

Orenburg is situated on the right bank of the Ural River in European Russia, a short distance west of the Asiatic frontier.

A belated dispatch received in London last night from Jassy, the present Rumanian capital, said Odessa had been captured by Bolshevik troops last Sunday night, the Bolsheviks now being in full control of that city.

The dispatch added that Kishinev, capital of Bessarabia and the scene of Jewish massacres fifteen years ago, had been taken by Rumanian forces, who were sent there in response to an appeal for aid from the local Bessarabian Government.

Rogacher.
Petrograd, Feb. 2.—(Via London, Feb. 2.)—The semi-official news

agency says it is reported from Mohilev that 26,000 Polish legionaries, commanded by Polish generals, with their staffs, have occupied the town of Rogachev, seventy-two miles south of Mohilev, on the Dnieper River. The executive committee of the provincial Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates has set a new time limit demanding the evacuation of Rogachev and the submission of the Polish forces in addition.

Revolutionary Government.
Petrograd, Feb. 2.—The capture of Kiev by Bolshevik troops virtually without resistance insures the authority of the Bolshevik Rada in the Ukraine. Petrograd and Moscow detachments of the Red Guard formed the Bolshevik attacking party, and the city capitulated after they had fired four shots from their cannon.

The evening newspapers declare that M. Vinichenko, president of the Ukraine Secretariat, and other members of the Ukraine Rada, has been arrested. A revolutionary Government has been set up and the new Rada will be composed of Russian, Polish and German representatives of the inhabitants of the Ukraine.

The defeated Ukrainians are said to be gathering at Petchersk, south of Kiev, where General Tcherbatcheff also is reported to be.

REVOLUTIONISTS IN FINLAND ARE LOSING

Government Troops Making Steady Progress; People Fleeing From Helsingfors

Stockholm, Feb. 2.—The latest reports from Finland indicate that the Government troops under General Mannerheim are making good progress toward the south, defeating detachments of the Red Guard and the Russian Bolsheviks on their way. The taking of Kristinestad was of especial value, as it gives the Government troops access to a harbor and helps to solve the problem of feeding the troops. By occupying Tavastehus, General Mannerheim has cut every communication from Helsingfors to Tammerfors.

The victory of the Red Guard along the Kemir River can be only temporary, because this is located to the rear of the Government troops and it must be assumed that General Mannerheim can detach enough men to overcome resistance there, which is offered chiefly by Russian garrisons who have no means of obtaining further supplies.

A Finnish courier who left Finland Wednesday reports great enthusiasm among the peasants throughout Eastern Bothnia and up to the northernmost Finland, on behalf of the Government. Sixty-year-old farmers and their young sons, many of the latter not more than fifteen years old, are fighting side by side in General Mannerheim's forces.

People Fleeing.
Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—The Helsingfors correspondent of the Copenhagen Dagbladet reports that all the shops, the large restaurants and the banks of the capital are closed and the inhabitants are fleeing from the city in hundreds. The members of the old Senate who were in hiding since the outbreak of the revolution, are said to have succeeded in escaping from Helsingfors.

PARIS CARDINAL PROTESTS AGAINST GERMAN AIR RAID

Paris, Feb. 2.—Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris, has issued a protest against the recent raid by German aircraft. He says in part:

"Once more in the name of the principles of civilization and Christianity and in accord with the Sovereign Pontiff, who several times has reproved crimes of this sort, we protest against barbarous acts that constitute veritable assassinations without any military utility."

Two Military Medals and six War Crosses have been awarded the workers in a bombarded factory who remained at their posts throughout the raid.

BRITISH BY-ELECTION.

London, Feb. 2.—In the Prestwich Union Depot here at 10 o'clock last of Sir Frederick Cawley, Bart., to the peerage, Oswald Cawley, son of the former member, was elected by a vote of 8,250 to 2,822 over George May, the co-operative candidate.

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ENEMY SUBMARINES HELD, SAYS GEDDES

Falsification of Reports by Germans Has Increased With Failure

London, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press).—"The submarine is held."

Thus in four words Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, summarized yesterday the results of the first year of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare, which began February 1 a year ago. A measure of its failure, he added to the correspondent of the Associated Press, with whom he was talking, was found in the fact that the sinking of merchant ships now had been reduced to a level lower than before Germany cast aside all restraint.

"I am an optimist regarding the U boat war," said Sir Eric. "The German submarine, restrained and untrained, has been met and has not proved invincible. I am inclined to think that now, since I made my last public statement, 'We are sinking submarines as fast as Germany can build them.'"

"My curves are all good, and I cannot foresee any way in which the situation can be changed except for the better."

More Ships Needed.

"The sooner the better, is now the Allied navies' aim. But—you see there still is a but, and it is a very important but—we must have more ships if we are to turn this German failure into a positive Allied victory. The submarine destruction of the world's tonnage is not a big percentage on the whole, but the submarine destruction still exceeds the production of ships, and meantime the demands for tonnage are increasing by leaps and bounds."

"The participation of the United States in the war must inevitably make large demands on merchant shipping. Yet we must continue at the same time to keep up with the demands of the Allied armies and with the vital necessities of the united civil populations."

"Ships, and yet more ships, is still the most important corollary of the war. How far can we rely on American effort for these ships? I have no doubt the United States will do its utmost, but I want to urge again the vital importance of its merchant shipping programme."

Every Resource.

"Meanwhile we shall not be idle. Great Britain is straining every resource to launch every ton of which she is capable. We are at the present moment building merchant ships at a higher rate than ever in our record before the war, and before 1918 is over we shall be building shipping of all kinds at a rate more than double that of record year. But a great deal depends on American effort, and I should greatly regret if anything I might say regarding the failure of the German submarine warfare should be construed as minimizing the need for ships, and yet more ships."

Turning to the progress of the campaign against the German submarines, Sir Eric again referred to the satisfactory trend of the curves to which he has referred in several of his speeches. "All the curves continue to bend in the right direction," he said. "The destruction of Allied shipping decreases rapidly; the construction of merchant shipping increases steadily, and the sinking of German submarines steadily rises."

German Falsehoods.

"There is still another curve which I keep. I never told the public about it, but it gives me personally much satisfaction. It is the curve representing what I call the factor 'exaggeration' in the German official statements of U boat results. Let us explain that curve briefly."

"Every month since the unrestricted submarine war began the Germans have issued an official statement of the total amount of tonnage alleged to have been sunk during that month. Every month that statement comes to my desk and is compared with the actual total as shown in our records. It would only be natural to expect some differences, for submarine commanders would naturally include in their reports a few ships which they torpedoed, but which were afterwards saved."

"But we found there was a greater difference than could be explained in any such way. We found from the very first month that there was a certain 'margin of exaggeration'—that is, the German Admiralty always added a few thousand tons for good measure."

Falsehoods Increased.

"This margin of exaggeration was fairly small in the early months of unrestricted warfare, when things were going along with a certain degree of success for the U boats. It showed no particular increase throughout April, May and June, when the sinkings were highest. But with the lessening of the German successes in July, August and September, the margin of exaggeration began to increase. The German Admiralty found itself obliged to falsify its returns more and more flagrantly in its effort to persuade the German people that the U boat was a continuing success."

"So I keep a record of the continued increase in percentage which marks the Germans' margin of exaggeration, and this curve I believe is a fairly accurate reflection of the German official mind and an official confession that the U boat campaign is regarded as a failure by its own leaders."

Sir Eric referred to the German claim that the decreased sinkings were due to the decrease in the number of ships sailing.

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and arrivals are just as numerous today as they were a year ago. There are just as many targets for the submarines in their zone of operations, but our improved defensive measures leave them fewer opportunities to make bull's-eyes."

As to Status.

The correspondent referred to Secretary of War Baker's statement of a few days ago concerning the German plan for concentration against American transports. "There is no doubt," said Sir Eric, "that the U boats will bend every effort to attack American transports, and if you are to bring across the Atlantic the number of troops that you plan there will be losses, and probably heavy ones, for life-saving in mid-Atlantic is not easy."

"I do not doubt that Mr. Baker had good grounds for his statement, but we have no evidence to support the view that the Germans at present are withdrawing their U boats in preparation for a concentrated attack against the American lines of communication. All our evidence tends to show that there are just as many submarines out now as ever, and that they are just as ambitious and active."

"The steady decrease of merchant sinkings (I do not refer to the abnormally good weeks of this month) is not due, I am convinced, to any withdrawal of submarines from the shipping lanes, but to the steady improvement in the Allied methods of dealing with them. They get few chances, and they meet with disaster more frequently."

British Admiralty's Secrecy.

The subject of disasters to German submarines led Sir Eric to the defence of the British policy of entire secrecy regarding the sinking of U boats.

"Our policy of secrecy," he said, "has, I believe, much to do with the steady deterioration in the morale of the German submarine crews. The exception made in the case of the U boat whose crew was captured a few

EX-CHIEF OF SCOTLAND YARD DIED YESTERDAY

London, Feb. 2.—William Melville, ex-chief of Scotland Yard, died yesterday. He was born in 1852, and was one of the best known police officers in Europe. He was the personal guard of King Edward on the late ruler's continental tours.

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HUNGARIAN PREMIER SAYS HIS COUNTRY DESIRES PEACE NOW

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—Dr. Alexander Wekerle, the Hungarian Premier, in addressing the Diet yesterday, declared:

"Our readiness for peace is sincere and earnest. We never strove, nor do we strive, for conquest."

"We are ready to seek a just understanding, which will lead to a lasting peace and the security of international agreements," Premier Wekerle added, according to the advices reaching here from Budapest.

The Hungarian Premier asserted that the only conditions required were that the integrity of his country's territory would remain unimpaired and that it should have liberty to regulate its internal affairs. He continued:

"We will oppose attempts to sow dissension among us, but whether the near future brings us peace or unavoidable battle, it is certain we desire to maintain our alliance with Germany as one of the most effective safeguards to peace."

Premier Wekerle said he hoped that the arrangement which Hungary was about to make with Germany would make secure his country's economic life. "That large field of activity which we need for our strong development and our efforts to create close economic relations with Germany are not directed against other states," he concluded.

PROHIBITION FOR VIRGIN ISLANDS

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Feb. 2.—The Government yesterday introduced in the Legislature a measure prohibiting the importation, manufacture, sale, giving away or having possession of intoxicating drinks within six months after approval of the bill. In proposing this legislation the Government pointed out the extent of the temperance movement throughout the world, especially in the United States, and recommended that the Virgin Islands take action rather than await the mandate of superior authority.

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BOMBS AND GUNFIRE USED IN GERMANY

British Aviators Punished Germans Severely During Raids on January 26

London, Feb. 2.—The War Office, in an elaboration of the official report of the bombing raid made by British aviators into Germany, on January 26, today disclosed the fact that much gunfire was directed on searchlights, trains, moving lights in the road and on buildings in each of the districts visited, and also into villages in the Moselle Valley. Altogether 5,257 pounds of bombs were dropped from an average height of 1,500 feet. One pilot made four attempts before reaching his objective, owing to the heavy mist which made flying difficult.

An official dispatch from London on January 26 said that British aviators had raided several objectives in Germany, making direct hits on factories and docks and also in the town of Mannheim. In addition the railway stations at Saarbrücken and Oberbiling were attacked.

MINIMUM WAGE LEAGUE HELD BUMPER MEETING

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—The mass meeting held here last night in the interests of the movement of the Women's Minimum Wage League, to get the Provincial Government to appoint a commission to investigate labor conditions of women in the province and set wages that will allow more generous manners of living, was a very enthusiastic endorsement of the proposition, the big hall being crowded, some 500 people being present. A resolution was passed asking the Government to bring in minimum wage legislation for women.

Miss Helena Gutteridge, president of the Women's Minimum Wage League, presided, and the speakers were Mrs. Ralph Smith, M. P. P. elect; Mrs. A. J. Clark, and A. B. Wells. Mrs. Smith and J. H. Hawthornthwaite entered the hall together, a little late. They were loudly applauded as they took the platform. Mrs. Smith was again cheered when she arose to speak. She declared her belief that in spite of opposition she knew the proposition would receive at the capital, it would go through.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite approved the matter of a minimum wage effort, pledged Mrs. Smith his support, and then launched out on a careful recital of his various activities and successes when in the Legislature, winding up with a fiery portrayal of Socialistic doctrines in which he concurred in a statement made some time ago that "the hope of the world is the Bolsheviki."

STRIKERS' COUNCIL IN GERMANY DISSOLVED

London, Feb. 2.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen, quoting Berlin advices, says the commander-in-chief in the Brandenburg district, which includes Berlin, has dissolved the Council of 500 appointed by the workmen to watch over their interests during the strike. The dispatch adds that the commander also has prohibited the appointment of any organizations for directing the strike movement.

Arch-Plotters Scent Plot!
London, Feb. 2.—Berlin dispatches detailing an alleged Anglo-American plot to foment revolutions in the Central Powers are published by Cologne newspapers, according to Exchange Telegraph dispatches from Amsterdam. In Washington on New Year's Day, it is said that 250,000,000 marks was subscribed for this purpose. The revolutions were to be organized in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria.

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—A semi-official statement issued in Berlin dated Friday says that the excesses committed by German strikers on Thursday caused the Government to take the necessary measures against a further extension of the strike. The measures at once were put into effect and the strike did not appear to be increasing.

The Vorwarts, the Berlin Socialist organ, which was suppressed three days ago, appeared again Friday. In Berlin, it is said, the street traffic and other civic activities show no unusual features. The partial strikes at Dortmund and Halle have ended.

QUEBEC STOCKYARDS SCENE OF A FIRE

Quebec, Feb. 2.—The Quebec stockyards and abattoir at Idmerville, a suburb of this city, caught fire this morning at 8:30 o'clock and owing to the buildings being away from the city limits the alarm was not given until 9 a.m. The fire then was soon brought under control, though several buildings were destroyed.

There were no cattle in the yards today, the market being held only on Mondays. The yards and abattoirs were opened for business only last year and were valued at \$100,000.

S. NEWMARCH DIES AT BEACONSFIELD, B. C.

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—Samuel Newmarch died suddenly at his residence, Beaconsfield, B. C., this morning. He was born in Montreal, but had been in Winnipeg and the West for many years in railroad construction work. He was later superintendent of the gang of construction men sent from Canada to construct the road to Kola Bay, Russia.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Killed in action—Pte. C. E. Stewart, Vancouver; Pte. H. L. Simonds, Fort George, B. C.; Pte. E. W. Chister, Terrace, B. C.

Presumed to have died—Pte. F. Ellis, Vancouver.

Missing—Lieut. J. Beattie, Vancouver.

Prisoner-of-war—Pte. V. Liddicott, Cranbrook.

Returned to duty—Pte. F. Bates, Victoria.

Wounded—Pte. I. Willard, Grande Prairie, B. C.

Mounted Rifles.

Died—Pte. R. Cooley, Victoria.

STATES PRODUCING ANTI-SUBMARINE BOATS

Washington, Feb. 2.—Production plans for the American navy's new anti-submarine craft contemplate the delivery of a finished boat every day when the cycle of production is complete. The first vessel has already been started in the fabricating shops of the Ford Motor Company at Detroit.

The design was worked out to reduce to a minimum the necessity of shaping plates. There are many flat surfaces to the vessel on that account, bent and curved plates having been avoided wherever possible.

The power will be furnished by geared turbines, and since stability and reliability were sought rather than break performance, no effort has been made to go beyond a safe and conservative speed estimate.

Construction will go by stages. Materials that go into construction are fed into one end of the plant as rapidly as it is planned to produce the completed product at the other. The whole number of boats contracted for will be under construction simultaneously at one stage. The boats all will be fabricated at the Ford plant, progressing by stages until they are launched at Detroit, to be brought to the sea by way of the canal system and inland waterways. They will displace about 500 tons, which insures easy passage to the sea.

B. C. LABOR MEN AND RETURNED SOLDIERS

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—The most important matter brought before the session of the annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor here yesterday afternoon was that of the relations of labor and the returned soldiers. Steps have already been taken towards drawing these bodies closer together, according to Gordon J. Kelly, chairman of the committee of the convention which met a committee of the Great War Veterans on Wednesday. Labor representatives were selected to act on a joint advisory board with an equal number of representatives of the Great War Veterans. Mr. Kelly reported the meeting and said that it was not judicious to state all that transpired, and he would content himself with saying that soldiers since the war began were beginning to form a better conception of their position in society.

She Went Days Without Food

When Hospital Treatment Failed an Operation Was Advised—But Cure Was Effectuated Without the Use of the Knife.

Gloucester, N. S., Feb. 2.—Here is a case which sorely puzzles the hospital doctors. It was evident that the great suffering from pain under the left shoulder-blade was due to torpidity of the liver, but no medical treatment seemed to do any good.

In fact medicines failed, and the doctors said an operation was the only hope. But Mrs. Watkins hesitated before the enormous risk of an operation and decided to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills first.

The result was that she was perfectly cured three years ago, and feels now that she can report the cure as thorough and lasting. This is not an isolated case, but proves that this great medicine cures when ordinary prescriptions fail.

Mrs. Annie Watkins, Gloucester, New Harbor, N. S., writes: "I think it is time for me to give my experience with your wonderful Kidney-Liver Pills. For several months I suffered with what the doctor called indigestion, but whatever it was, I suffered terribly. The pain would start under my left shoulder and pass down my side until it reached the pit of my stomach. It just seemed as if the flesh were being torn from the bone. At times I used to go without food from one morning until the next. I had no energy left for work at all. At last our doctor sent me to the hospital for a month. For four days and nights I never broke my fast except for a drink of water. After four weeks' treatment there I returned home, and was back only four days when the pain came back worse than ever. Then I was told I would have to undergo an operation, but I would not consent to that. At last I read about Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and started to take them. At first I did not notice much difference, but still I kept on using them, and by the time four boxes were used I was perfectly well again. That was in 1914, so you see I can safely say that I was cured. I shall always be grateful to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, as they did more for me than four doctors."

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BLAZED WAY FOR NATIONAL NEWS PLAN

Last Rites of Western Associated Press, Forerunner of Canadian Press, Ltd.

Saskatoon, Feb. 2.—The Saskatoon Daily Star says editorially:

"Actually, the Western Associated Press passed out of existence some time ago when the new Canadian Press, Limited, took over the business of supplying news to the papers of Canada from coast to coast, but this week has seen the last rites administered to the Association at a meeting held in Calgary, and the occasion is fitting to pay some little tribute to the organization that blazed the way in Canada for the larger system now in control of newsgathering and distribution."

"The Western Associated Press, generally known as the 'W. A. P.' and by the operators and newspapermen of the west familiarly termed the 'Wop,' was an association that rendered creditable service. It was a co-operative newsgathering and distributing system, serving practically all the daily newspapers in Western Canada from the head of the lakes to the Pacific Coast. It was organized ten years ago by the Western publishers and carried on, despite difficulties, without a break in its service."

"The W. A. P. was thoroughly co-operative. Each publisher had an interest in gathering news for it as much as in receiving news from it. It was founded on the same principles which govern the operation of the great Associated Press in the United States and as stated before, it blazed the way in Canada along this line. It achieved its purpose, and dies now because its purpose has been achieved. It came into existence as a first effort of the publishers of the West to get together to solve their common problems, and so successful was it in this endeavor that the same basis of organization has been adopted for the national news service, the Canadian Press, Ltd. The new national organization is the natural outcome of the successful operation of the Western Associated Press and it is not without certain proper pride that the Western publishers have surrendered their organization into the bigger and permanent organization that covers the whole country."

Great Efforts.

"Not many people in the West have appreciated the efforts which have been necessary to supply them with the high-class newspapers which they receive in their homes. There is a stretch of territory along the north shore of Lake Superior which can not be for a long time to come a source of revenue for a press telegraph wire. Because of it the Western newspapers have been practically 1,000 miles from their source of news, and that meant heavy expense, which increased with the amount of news the papers desired. Without thorough co-operation it would have been impossible for the publishers to bridge that gap. Through the W. A. P., however, this co-operation was effected and the Western papers supplied with a quantity of Eastern Canadian and British news that was a source of pride to their publishers."

"With the new and greater national service, a further step in this direction is taken. It is now an all-Canadian news service, and as such, of course, thoroughly desirable. But the Western publishers can be pardoned if it was with some regret that they interred the old familiar 'Wop' at the Calgary meeting this week, for it did notable work."

"The meeting also marked the end of J. E. B. Livesey's services as manager of the W. A. P., he having become assistant general manager of the Canadian Press, Ltd., with headquarters at Winnipeg. His work in connection with the Western Associated Press had much to do with its success, while it is also largely as a result of his efforts that the national news service has been organized and operating smoothly and satisfactorily."

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BRITAIN, FRANCE AND ITALY REQUIRE FOOD FROM THIS COUNTRY

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—A cablegram received yesterday by the Food Controller from the British Ministry of Food indicates that the food situation in Great Britain, France and Italy is very much more serious than is generally realized. The message stated that the import supplies are low and an increase is urgently needed. The ration which the Ministry has intended to put into force will have to be reduced because of inadequacy of supplies. The cable reads:

"The meat situation in the United Kingdom continues acute. Supplies of fats are inadequate. Import supplies are low, and an increase is urgently needed. A local rationing scheme is being authorized by the Minister of Food, but the ration contemplated by us will have to be reduced."

"In France the bread card scheme was put into force on January 29 with a bread ration per capita per day of 200 grammes. It is proposed to adopt a general food card. The available

supplies of meat are small. Butter is obtainable and milk supplies are satisfactory. Eggs are scarce. The situation is unchanged so far as oils and fats are concerned."

"In Italy, in the first place there is extreme need of cereals, and secondly of meat, dried fish and fats. For many months sugar and bread have been rationed in Italy, the consumption of meat severely restricted and public meals controlled."

LEHMAN, BELGIAN GENERAL, IN PARIS

Paris, Feb. 2.—General Lehman, defender of Liege against the German invasion early in the war, arrived in Paris last night. He was greeted at the station by the Belgian Minister and representatives of President Poincaré and General Dubail, the military governor of Paris.

"ROYAL" CALGARY BATTALION.

Calgary, Feb. 2.—The 50th Battalion of Calgary has been awarded the privilege of using the title "Royal" in recognition of its services in the field. It is said of this battalion that it has never failed to attain its objective.

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MORE CONTRACTS.

The announcement that the British Government is going to award contracts for the construction in British Columbia of forty more ships, twenty of which will be built in Victoria, will be hailed with widespread satisfaction. In all probability, this will mean the continuation of shipbuilding activity here on a large scale for a considerable period after the war, during which the foundation of a permanent industry of imposing dimensions will be laid. It will give continuity of work to the shipbuilding population which to a large extent otherwise would be greatly reduced after the present contracts had been completed, and, it is hoped, will enable the contractors to expand their facilities and finance an even more ambitious programme.

We note that the new contracts will be awarded on different conditions from those which have governed the construction of the vessels called for in the present programme. Under the arrangement now prevailing the contractor is guaranteed a fixed price per ship. That is to say, no matter what a ship may cost, the contracting company risks nothing. This might have been all right as an inducement to people to undertake contracts in the first place, but, obviously, it could not continue; it makes the Government liable for excessive construction costs and the financial strain imposed upon Great Britain calls for a reversion to a strictly business basis. The new contracts, as we understand it, will be awarded on the basis of a tender of a certain price per ton, and the contracting company must assume something of the risk. This will act as a check upon excessive construction cost and will put the industry upon a firmer basis. It will inject into the industry the element of permanence which is absent from it under the present arrangement, for nobody would dream of ordering ships without regard to cost in normal times.

THE SUBMARINE HELD.

From Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, comes the first fully authoritative announcement that the submarine campaign of the Hun has been held. Mr. Lloyd George has said the same thing in several speeches, but his statements have been challenged with the charge that he was resorting to oratorical license or speaking in relative terms. Sir Eric Geddes cannot be charged on either ground. He is par excellence "the" man of action in the United Kingdom, a past-master of efficiency, a genius for organization, detail and facts, who takes nothing for granted. The brakeman on an American railroad who became Lloyd George's right-hand man, organizer of the railroad-transport service of the British armies, organizer of Great Britain's wonderful munitions industry and finally, although he had never been to sea except as a passenger, the head of the British navy, is not likely to be mistaken when he announces that the submarine is held.

The Allies are sinking German submarines as fast as they are turned out. The curve of enemy losses thus is constantly growing higher while that of the losses of Allied and neutral shipping is growing lower, although the target for the submarine is as large as ever. But on the other hand, the submarine is sinking ships still at a rate in excess of new construction and the demand upon the tonnage of the Allies is greater now than it has been at any other time since the war began. Hence, Sir Eric Geddes impresses upon the Entente countries the necessity of speeding up their shipbuilding programmes. Furthermore, it should be remembered that even if the weekly record of the submarine warfare shows the loss of only eight or ten vessels to submarines, the ships were carrying either food-stuffs or other necessary supplies and the loss of a food cargo is much more serious now than it was a year ago. And as the cargo space on vessels has been increased a greater quantity of food per ship is being lost. Therefore, while the submarine is held, it still is a formidable menace, particularly at this time when the food situation in Great Britain, France and Italy is very acute. But it has failed of its chief object and in that failure Germany has suffered her greatest defeat.

An Amsterdam newspaper publishes the report of a secret conference between the German Admiralty and the heads of German finance and industry to consider the pros and cons of unrestricted submarine warfare. The Herr Doctors of industry were satisfied

that Great Britain would be subdued in six months and some of them even fixed the time at three months. One was sure the estimate of six months was excessive owing to "Britain's dependence on foreign capital and the absence of a spirit of self-sacrifice on the part of the people!" As for the United States, it would not matter what that nation did because the war would be over before it could take an important part.

These men were the leading industrial and financial authorities in Germany. How is their puerile miscalculation to be accounted for? Simply by the fact that they, like the vast majority of other Germans, are afflicted with a colossal egotism which blinds them to realities and makes them impervious to sound knowledge and judgment. They cannot differentiate between what is true and what they want to be true. History, the development, character and resources of peoples outside of Germany mean nothing to them. Even great minds like Harnack and Haackel succumbed to the delusion that the rest of the world was decadent and moribund. The submarine warfare has reacted upon the Huns just as the Herr Doctors of finance and industry said it would not, and just as the outside world was certain it would not. So much for German "efficiency."

DEMANDED A FREE HAND.

According to a dispatch to The Toronto Globe from Ottawa, H. B. Thomson, in accepting the post of Food Controller, insisted upon full power and a free hand in reorganizing his Department and carrying out his plans. He made it clear that he would not tolerate outside influence from vested interests or political favoritism. The Prime Minister is reported to have given Mr. Thomson satisfactory assurances on these points.

Mr. Thomson has begun in the right way. It would be unfair to him and prejudicial to the country's interests if his hands were tied by inadequate powers and political or other influence. He has a position of great responsibility, a position which in all probability will be the most important in the country, if it is not so now. He will have to make far-reaching decisions with a view to the promotion of national interest in relation to the war and it will be imperative that those decisions be carried out promptly and resolutely. The function of the late Controller was chiefly vocal and literary. The function of the present Controller will be chiefly action.

The Food Controller should have the power to take such steps as will reduce food waste to a minimum. He should be able to remove every restriction which stands in the way of marketing products under conditions that will reassure the producer and legitimate business interests and protect the consumer. He should have authority to take over whatever surplus there may be above the demands of home consumption and place it at the disposal of Great Britain, France and Italy, whose need is ten times as great as our own. Yesterday he received a cablegram from the British Ministry of Food stating that the situation across the Atlantic is much more serious than is believed. It is, indeed, so serious that trains carrying food from the food-producing states across the international boundary to the American Atlantic ports, have been given the right-of-way over every other kind of traffic. Not long ago the United States authorities drew upon their capital reserve of wheat to the extent of 90,000,000 bushels and are shipping it to Europe. More is to follow and the American people will have to make it up by tightening their belts. What is Canada doing with her surplus?

STILL MENACING.

Notwithstanding the cooked reports from German sources minimizing the strike situation, it is plain that the trouble remains acute. The fact that the military authorities have intervened and have adopted characteristic measures gives the lie to the stories that the strike is subsiding. The proclamations of martial law at Berlin and states of siege elsewhere do not suggest anything like serenity. The admission that there have been "excesses" and rioting on the part of the civil population and that a number of people have been killed reflects a threatening state of affairs. The ultimatum from the military to the Berlin strikers to resume work in a stated time is not indicative of harmony.

The situation has been complicated by the arrest of Wilhelm Dittman, Socialist Deputy, when he attempted to address a meeting in the suburbs of Berlin. Herr Haase has appealed to Chancellor von Hertling for the release of Dittman, but the Chancellor pointed out that as "Berlin was entirely in the hands of the military" he was powerless to do anything. This is a very damaging admission. If the German Government is powerless to liberate Dittman from the hands of the military authorities, it is powerless to do anything else, even to make peace, if the military leaders are against it. According to an Amsterdam

dispatch, a national demonstration is being organized as a protest against Dittman's arrest. If an attempt be made to carry out this programme there will be lively developments for the military will resort to drastic measures to prevent it. Germany has reached a stage where men and women easily become desperate and where violence in putting down disorder often begets greater violence on the other side. Whatever happens Germany will have plenty to occupy the army which has been holding the East Front, without sending it to the West.

WILL HE TRY AGAIN?

A neutral correspondent just out of Germany predicts a German offensive against Verdun. He says that drastic considerations will prevail over the purely military factor in determining the direction and scope of the enemy's attack, as it so often has done before. It is essential to the future of the Hohenzollern House that the Crown Prince should be given an opportunity to wipe out the stain of the disaster at Verdun, and it is essential to the perpetuation of Prussian militarism that the Crown Prince should step into his father's shoes. The half-baked heir of the Kaiser never has been popular in Germany since the Zabern incident, and his failure at Verdun with the loss of more than 600,000 of Germany's finest troops has further embittered public sentiment against him. It was to glorify the Crown Prince that he was given command of the first important German army of the seven armies which invaded France in 1914. He was expected to debouch from the Ardennes and make a triumphant entry into Paris. Instead, his army was thrown back thirty miles. Last summer he lost the Aisne plateau and was given all the resources he wanted to retake the position. He tried it for three months, lost over 300,000 men and finally was kicked off the plateau altogether into the valley of the Ailette, losing all his guns and many thousand prisoners. Every inch of the ground gained by him at Verdun was recaptured by the French long ago with less casualties than the number of prisoners Germany lost in the process. Frederick Wilhelm has a big adverse balance to make good.

FARM CONSCRIPTION OPPOSED BY LABOR

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ploughing and reaping, it might just as reasonably be considered necessary to conscript labor for the manufacture of farm machinery and the transportation of farm produce. The labor men announced that they would wage a vigorous warfare against any such action.

In regard to the suggestion that a census of the man-power of Canada be taken, the labor men agreed that some method of obtaining reliable statistics as to the quantity of labor available was desirable. It was understood that the Government would take this matter under consideration and issue a statement shortly.

Allen Labor.

Introduction of alien labor was strongly protested. The labor men argued that any worker was entitled to the full industrial freedom of a citizen and any man not so entitled should be interned and employed only on work while in Government detention.

The declaration of the Labor Congress was that the war could and must be won without the introduction of Chinese or coolie labor. If it was said a victory could only be won by such means, then it would be a barren victory for democracy.

The labor men agreed with the provincial representatives on the necessity for a vigorous campaign to help forward food production. They approved the abolition of private employment agencies and the extension of provincial and municipal employment bureaus, with a Dominion employment exchange. They asked for special rates on the railroads for laborers going to employment away from home. The labor men went further than the agricultural representatives by suggesting to the Government that in cases of men leaving cities for farms, they should get transportation.

No opposition was expressed to the securing of farm labor from the United States by the Canadian authorities and the exemption from compulsory military service of farm labor.

SPLENDID WORK OF RELIEF AT HALIFAX

(Continued from page 1.)

house & Company, auditors, London, Eng., and Canada, who appointed one of their expert accountants, H. S. Glass, to install a commercial method of auditing all accounts. He reports that so far he has received \$3,250,000 and paid out \$300,000.

"When five food depots were opened for 15,000 persons were distributed every day, while 300 families received fresh milk. The hospitals also

were kept in supplies, while outlying districts were visited, often under the most rigorous weather conditions."

This committee distributed 100,000 leaves of bread in the two weeks the supply depots were open. Work among the injured and foodless as well as the families of hurt people was undertaken by the rehabilitation committee, for which J. H. Falk, Salvation Army chief of staff, reports. The emergency committee's records show that nearly 17,000 blankets and 1,800 quilts were distributed.

Twenty thousand people, quite a percentage of them fakirs, were clothed by the clothing committee, C. W. Ackhurst, chairman, relates in his report. Nobody for a month after the disaster asking for boots or clothing was refused.

DISTRICT ENGINEER ANSWERS MR. BOWSER

Premier Brewster Says the Charges Against Government Officials Prove False

The following letter from G. B. Whitehead, assistant to the district engineer at Alberni, has been received by W. K. Gwyer, assistant public works engineer at the Parliament Buildings, and by him handed to the Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works. The letter reads:

"It has been brought to my attention that the Hon. Mr. Bowser in his political speeches through this district has been making the remark that I have used the Government car in the interests of Mr. McInnes at the late Dominion election. As this has been given publicity in the press, I wish to emphatically deny it, and, further, if any truth can be found in Mr. Bowser's statements, the Department will consider my resignation as in."

Commenting on the above communication this morning, Premier Brewster declares that investigations made by the Government concerning similar charges levelled against civil servants, named in public by the Leader of the Opposition during his tour of the various constituencies in which by-elections were recently held, have without exception resulted in the establishment of complete innocence of such charges. It will be remembered that at the recent interview between the members of the Cabinet and a deputation from the provincial branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, names of alleged civil servant participants in the Dominion election were mentioned, and investigation was promised by the Premier if the delegation would furnish particulars.

The provincial secretary of the G. W. V. A. sent newspaper cuttings, which indicated that certain Government officials had been nominated delegates to conventions. Inquiry, however, showed that such nominations were made without consent, and, further, that no part was taken by the persons concerned.

OUR LETTER BOX

THE MAYOR COMES BACK.

To the Editor.—In your issue of Friday last, you have a long statement by the Attorney-General upon the subject of the Lord's Day Act.

The situation that exists is briefly this: During the last part of last year and up to the present time certain premises in the City of Victoria have been open upon Sunday in defiance of the attempts of the Police Department to close them. Between the 5th December and 21st January the Chief of Police forwarded no less than eleven applications to the Attorney-General for permission to prosecute for infractions of the Lord's Day Act, covering thirty-six different infractions and three separate classes of offences. To none of these communications, the Chief of Police states, has he received any reply whatever, the effect of this being that the Victoria Police Department is powerless to make the desired prosecutions as the consent of the Attorney-General is essential in each instance before the case can be taken up.

The long statement of the Attorney-General contained in your issue of last last, refers only to one incident in the history of the case, namely, the "near beer" upon Sunday, and stripped of its legal camouflage the Attorney-General's statement says, in effect, that no prosecution will be permitted for this offence (namely, the sale of "near beer") unless such application for prosecution is accompanied by similar further applications for similar prosecutions against news stands, etc. A similar line of argument would be for the Attorney-General to take the stand that he would not permit a prosecution for grand larceny because he thought that a few orchards were being robbed! The real effect of the Attorney-General's apparent attitude in this matter is that, as long as any newswoman in the City of Victoria happens to display a few bottles of "near beer" upon Sunday, then other premises (which as a class have frequently been in the Police Court for other offences during the past month), will be allowed to conduct business upon Sunday unmolested!

There is considerable in the At-

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Victoria Times, February 2, 1893.

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ney-General's statement of a somewhat personal nature that might be replied to. However, I refrain from so doing as the object that I have in view is to secure the closing of the premises to which I have before referred, and which premises the Board of Police Commissioners of 1917 and also the Board of Police Commissioners of 1918 are unanimous in considering should be closed upon Sunday.

Perhaps, however, I should not pass over the concluding remark of the Attorney-General that the suggestion of "His Worship" is "quite untrue" that providing the Police Department report all infractions of the Act to the Attorney-General, then the responsibility in regard to the Lord's Day Act rests upon the shoulders of the Attorney-General. The following is a copy of Clause 17 of the Act which sets out the relation of the Attorney-General to the Act:

"No action or prosecution for a violation of this Act shall be commenced without the leave of the Attorney-General for the province in which the offence is alleged to have been committed, nor after the expiration of sixty days from the time of the commission of the alleged offence."

The Attorney-General for the benefit of the public might recite the clauses in the Lord's Day Act under which he claims that the responsibility in the matter rests with the Board of Police Commissioners?

Yours truly,

A. E. TODD,

Mayor.

SPEEDING UP SHIPBUILDING.

To the Editor.—The announcement in Friday's Times that no more contracts for wooden ships will be awarded to Victoria under the present suicidal plan has long been anticipated by the bona fide working man.

With regard to the twenty ships which may be awarded here on a strictly business basis, I beg to suggest a few reforms which may help to make the industry a permanent one, and at the same time relieve the British taxpayer, already burdened and on food rations, of further exorbitant costs. First: Throw the shipyards wide open to every working man of the Empire, and tolerate no interference from walking delegates who would cajole the working man into the belief that he is a wage slave on \$5 or \$6 a day of eight hours.

Second: Cut out the eight-hour day and inaugurate a ten-hour day, two shifts if possible, thus running the plant twenty hours out of twenty-four.

Third: Let the workers, not the shippers, fix the rate of pay, which should be around \$5.50 a day for mechanics, and \$4 for laborers.

Fourth: Pay a bonus in addition for each ship completed ahead of schedule. A wage of \$5.50 a day for mechanics may at the first blush seem high, but it must be remembered that house carpenters, through their labor unions, are asking to-day for \$9 for ten hours, and a bonus in addition, which terms are not only an outrage, but traitorous to the Canadians in the trenches.

There must, of course, be the fullest co-operation between the workers and

those public spirited citizens who are contemplating financing the building of these twenty ships. Twenty-eight-hour day is a farce, in war time anyway. Most people are aware that hundreds of girl carpenters are putting up buildings in England and France. These girls are working ten hours a day at fifteen cents an hour. Surely Canadian carpenters are not more delicately nurtured than these girls. As a matter of fact, and judged by the standard of the fighting man in France, there is not a mechanic in Canada to-day who is worth \$5 for eight hours.

Six days at \$5.50 equals \$33 per week. If there is a working man in Canada who considers he is worth to the Empire more than this sum, by all means let us have a look at him.

WALTER FOSTER.

PLAYING THE GAME.

To the Editor.—Of late letters have appeared in the columns of the press criticizing the personnel of the Militia Headquarters Staff in Victoria.

As a returned officer, I consider myself in a position to offer some remarks which should prove to the public at large that without exception there is not an officer, non-commissioned officer or man of the Permanent Force or Active Militia in Victoria but who is ready to go anywhere at his country's call and who, as a matter of fact, volunteered his willingness to do so on more than one occasion.

It should be borne in mind that seventy-five per cent. of the staff at Work Point Barracks and the Belmont Buildings are married and in the majority of instances have families; furthermore many are considered unfit for overseas service.

What is left of the original Permanent Force existing at the outbreak of the war is a small fraction of the original strength; the positions left vacant have been filled at Work Point Barracks and the other points where administrative departments have been established by men found medically unfit for active service overseas. If there are any exceptions these are such that the nature of the work makes it necessary to retain them for duty here.

There is not a man, be he of what rank, but I am sure is prepared to go overseas with the rank he holds, and which he is justly entitled to retain by reason of merit and ability, especially so as his brother officers and men who did get away (while he was left) retained their ranks.

It is most unfair to the Press and Force to attempt mudslinging by the man in the street who is not conversant with the facts.

Your contributors of epistles on this subject should come forward manfully and give the names of those they think are attending pink teas and other forms of social engagements instead of doing their bit though many miles away from the active zone of warfare.

Men of ability are required at home just as well as at the front, and these men have been told to stay and carry on.

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men desire to return to civil life just so soon as they have been given treatment and received discharge from Military Service.

The pay received from the highest to the lowest rank in the army is less than that earned in many of the industrial concerns to-day in Victoria, which were created by the war. Unskilled labor is receiving more wages per day than the pay allotted to the rank of captain to say nothing of poor Tommy Atkins.

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Child's Drop Side Crib Monday \$4.75

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Nice Roll-up Crib Mattress, to fit. Special Monday at **\$2.50**

This Mattress supplied in two sizes at the same price; 2 ft. 4 in. and 2 ft. 4 in. x 4 ft. 4 in.

Cotton-filled Roll-up Mattress, for camp cots. Size 2 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. Reg. \$3.50. Monday, each **\$2.50**

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Stout Cork Linoleum, Monday at 78c a Sq. Yd.

We place on sale Monday about 500 yards of stout quality Cork Linoleum at a very special price. There's a good variety of designs and colors to choose from, suitable for any room in the home. Tiles, florals and conventional effects predominating. If you want a room covered with a good floor covering, buy on Monday. Choose from this range at, yard **78c**

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She is supported by a company of whom not one single member but has a big reputation on Broadway. Bert L. Robinson, the leading man; Arthur Paele-Ripple, Edwin Burke and Dorothy Baolwin were actually playing in New York during the rehearsals whilst the other members of the cast are just as well known.

Edna M. Holland has been seen on the screen many times in the Famous Players and Paramount screen offerings and she left the studios to again appear on the speaking stage. Arthur La Rue was formerly leading man in the Winnipeg Stock and is considered to be one of the best young actors in America. And that will be the consensus of opinion when he has been seen in this city. Leonora Ginto, who plays the aristocratic mother, is

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Last Night

The Agricultural Hall at Duncan last night re-echoed with the sound of childish voices and the patter of little feet on the occasion of the children's fancy dress ball held under the auspices of the directors of the Duncan hospital. Between six and seven hundred thronged the hall, of whom five hundred were children. Two hundred and forty being in character. The kaleidoscopic effect of the costumes stood out with delightful effect against the background of flags and patriotic emblems with which the walls were hung.

So varied and beautiful were the costumes worn by the little dancers that the task of judging was no sine-cure, but after mature consideration the prizes were awarded by the judging committee which included Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Stillwell and Messrs. E. B. McKay, Hugh Savage, and C. H. Dickey. Of about a dozen children brought before the committee in competition for the best-dressed boys and girls the first and second girls' prizes went respectively to Marie Courtney, of Crofton, as Turkish lady, and Evelyn Jones as "Summer," the boy winners were Cadet Rollo Mangray, of Chemalnas, as a pirate, and Jim Barclay in "Hunt Ball" costume with pink coat and satin knee-breeches. These were closely run by Cyril Pitt as "Uncle Sam," May Tombs as a Welsh woman, Bobbie Tautz as an Italian fisher girl, Cecelia Skrimshire, "Minnehaha," Kenneth McKenna, Highland, Charlie Stock, coster, and Mary Latta as "Britanna."

The prize-winners for the best national costume went to Cyril Pitt, U. S. A., Kenneth McKenna, Scotland; Bobbie Tautz, Italy and Cecelia Skrimshire as an Indian, "Minnehaha"; the best comic, were Gwen Price as Mrs. Jiggs; Eli Plaskett as "Topsy," Ernest Morley as Charles Chaplin, and Charles Marchant, coon.

The committee awarded special prizes to two tiny four-year-old tots, Mollie Smithson, a Red Cross nurse and Eric Smythe, a diminutive wounded soldier, and in true "sisterly" fashion the little nurse refused to allow the small hero to leave her side or relinquish her hand during the whole of the evening. A special prize was also awarded to Doris Hicks-Beach of Courtenay, who made a picturesque Northern Indian with her pack and "hushy."

Prizes for the best "commercial" costumes were given to Ronald Young, who represented, "Cream of Wheat" sold by the Cowichan Merchants, Ltd.; Willie McNichol, "Neilsons' Chocolates" sold by Gidley, Madge Skrimshire "Cowichan Leader," and Josephine Hopkins as the "Cowichan Creamery."

During the evening a delicious supper, provided by the King's Daughters, was served at tables beautifully adorned with daffodils and greenery, the colors of the order—green and yellow—being repeated in the shades of the candleabra. Altogether the event was the most successful social affair that has been held in the district during the past year.

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DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS LAST TIME TO-NIGHT

Douglas Fairbanks in "Reaching for the Moon," a picture which teems with sensational incidents and laughable comedy will be seen at the Royal Victoria for the last time to-night. The scenes are laid in America and Europe and give Douglas Fairbanks a wide range for this display of his athletic skill and the exercise of his great artistic ability.

Commencing Monday, for three days, Clara Kimball Young and her own company will be seen in her latest picture "Shirley Kaye." This picture has received most favorable comment from press and public, and as it is only being shown for a short engagement there should be well-filled houses.

NOTHING ACCORDING TO ACCEPTED RULES

She doesn't marcel her hair nor depend upon clothes for her appeal. It doesn't matter whether the things she wears are rich or simple. She always looks "smart" in them. She doesn't do things as anyone else in the world would do them, and that is exactly why she is such a tremendous favorite. Guess who it is! Why, Mae Marsh, of course.

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Dear Mrs. Ladd—I am enjoying better health than I have for eight years, and I think I am entirely cured. I have none of the old symptoms. I am very grateful for my present health, and think ORANGE LILY is the greatest treatment for women the world knows. Its use in my case caused 12 tumors or growths of some sort to be expelled. Some were as large as a hen's egg, and others smaller, down to the size of a walnut. You may use my case in your advertisement, for it is the solid truth, and pen cannot describe all the good it has done for me. Mrs. Louise E. Bolteridge.



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Mae Marsh is the whim girl of the films. She seems to do everything just because it comes into her head to do it. Probably there is a reason for it. Who knows when the wind will blow—or why? Yet it does, and doubtless there is a good reason for that, too, if the weather man would only tell us the truth about it. The funny part of it is that she expresses nothing according to the old accepted rules.

"I wish men and women who tell to make money knew the consolation and the comfort of having none."—The Rev. W. Cuff.

Social & Personal

Mrs. George Anstey, of Victoria, accompanied by her little son, is spending the week at Sidney, where she is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simister.

The returned men of the Military Convalescent Hospitals at Esquimalt and Resthaven will be the guests of Mrs. George Simpson at a social dance at the Hippodrome Hall this evening.

Miss Winnifred Anthony, a member of the nursing staff at Qualicum Military Convalescent Hospital is spending two weeks leave in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. G. W. Anthony.

Mrs. C. A. Morris has announced the marriage of her daughter, Kathleen, to John Hugh MacDonald, of Anxos, B. C. The wedding took place in Christ Church, Vancouver, on Tuesday.

Through an error, the date of the "J. Unit" Chapter dance at the Alexandra House was given in yesterday's issue as February 6, instead of Thursday, February 7, the correct date.

Mrs. W. Morten and Messrs. Monk and Ruscombe Pool, of Duncan, and Mr. Walton, of Cobble Hill, went to Nanaimo to assist in the orchestra at the performance of "The Lass of Limerick," given in aid of the Red Cross.

Miss Hooper, of Waterloo, Ont., who has been visiting in the city for some time, has left for Vancouver, where she is the guest of Mrs. Norman Berkshaw, 1975 King Edward Avenue East, for a few days before leaving for her home in the East.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rufus Smith arrived in the city on Friday from Vancouver, where their marriage took place on Thursday. The bride was formerly Miss Ethel Franklin, of North Vancouver. After a honeymoon in the city Mr. and Mrs. Smith will take up their residence on the Mainland.

Owing to the inability of Mr. Flakett, the flautist, to reach the city in time, the concert announced by the Ladies' Musical Club has been postponed to Monday, February 18. Mrs. Grace R. Davenport is convener for the occasion, and has arranged a delightful programme to include vocal solos by Miss Eva Hart, Miss Denise Harris, Miss Lillian Blakeway and Mrs. Golem and a number of choruses by the ladies' choir, of which Mrs. Davenport is the conductor. Mrs. A.

J. Gibson will accompany the solos and Mrs. R. W. Hannington the choruses.

About 350 soldiers and their lady friends spent an enjoyable evening at the old exhibition hall at the Willows last night, when the officers, N. C. O.'s and men of the 2nd Depot Battalion gave their first dance. The hall was nicely decorated with flags and bunting. A fine programme of up-to-date music was furnished by Heaton's orchestra, and a delicious buffet supper served during the evening.

Mrs. Ralph Smith, M. L. A.-elect, was presented with a gold medal with diamond bar, suitably inscribed, at a reception held at her residence in Vancouver on Thursday afternoon. The medal was inscribed on one side with the words, "Presented to Mary Ellen Smith, M.L.A., from her Willing Workers," and on the other with "January 24, 1918, celebration of Woman's Victory, Provincial by-election, Vancouver, B. C." Mrs. Walter A. Smith making the presentation in the presence of a large number of the member-elect's friends.

Announcement was made in a Vancouver paper recently of the appointment by His Grace Most Reverend Archbishop McNeill, of Toronto, of Rev. Charles Biglin as pastor of St. Mary's Church, Brampton, Ont. Father Biglin was formerly pastor at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Willows, but some time ago was loaned to Buffalo diocese for two years to the understanding that he would return to Victoria. During his absence Father Buckley, of Halifax, has taken his place. Bishop Macdonald has not yet received official intimation of the appointment.

At Duncan on Thursday afternoon, January 31, the marriage took place of Gayard H. Hudson and Mrs. Helen Augusta Walker, in the presence of their immediate relatives. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride by Rev. F. Granville Christman, special permission having been obtained from the Bishop to hold the service in the house. The bride, who was charmingly gowned in pale grey crepe de chine, was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Guy Melin, and P. M. Palmer supported the groom. The drawing-room, in which the nuptials were celebrated, had been effectively decorated with spring flowers and evergreens by Mrs. J. B. Green and the little nephews and nieces of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson left later for a short wedding trip, the bride travelling in a smart travelling dress

of blue cloth. On their return they will make their home at Quamichan Lake, and Mr. Hudson will still continue in the management of the old homestead farm, which is one of the most productive in the district. Mrs. Hudson, mother of the groom, will hold a post-nuptial reception for Mr. and Mrs. Gayard Hudson at "Ambleside" on February 14.

Friendly Help.—The regular monthly meeting of the Friendly Help Society will be held on Tuesday at 10.30 a. m. in the Market Building.

CITY CHURCH SERVICES

ANGLICAN.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Sunday, Feb. 3, 1918, holy communion, 8 and after matins; matins, 11. Preacher, the Dean. Men's Bible class, 4 p.m.; evensong, 7. Preacher, the Dean. Intercession service Wednesday, 8 p.m.

ST. SAVIOUR'S.—Victoria West. Rev. R. Connell, rector. Morning prayer and holy communion, 11 a.m.; children's service, 2.30 p.m.; evening prayer, 7 p.m.

ST. MARY'S.—Oak Bay. St. George's Sunday, 8 a.m. holy communion; 11 a.m. matins and sermon; preacher, Rev. R. J. Bowen, Toronto; 2.15 p.m. holy communion; 7 p.m. evensong and sermon. Rev. C. R. Little, B.D., acting rector.

ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL.—To-morrow, Feb. 3, service in Memorial Chapel at 10 a.m., consisting of morning prayer, hymns and sermon. Nurses, patients, members of hospital staff and the general public living in the district cordially invited.

ST. JOHN'S.—Quadra Street. Rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A. 8 a.m. holy communion; 11 a.m. morning prayer and holy communion; 1.30 p.m. evensong, with special intercession for the forces. Short organ recital before the evening service. Seats free. Prairie visitors especially invited.

METHODIST.

HAMPSHIRE METHODIST.—Cor. Hampshire and Cranmore Roads. At 11 o'clock, Rev. W. C. Hunt, 7.30 an in memorial service for Mr. Kermode by the pastor, assisted by Mr. Shakespeare and Mr. Deaville, old-time friends of the deceased.

CENTENNIAL.—Gorge Road, near Government. Rev. A. S. Colwell, B.A., pastor. Services, 11 a.m., "The Benefits of Accepting God's Will." Reception of new members and Sacrament of Lord's Supper, 7.30 p.m., "The Hymn That Stirred Many Hearts," assisted by the choir. Come, good singing and hearty welcome awaits you.

CONGREGATIONAL.

HEAR REV. C. CROUCHER at the Congregational Church, Sunday evening, 7.30 on "What in the Name of Blood and Tears are the Two Things for Which We are Fighting?" Don't miss this. Mr. Helf, an eminent English baritone, will sing "Crossing the Bar," by W. Duck.

CHURCH SERVICES

(Continued.)

PRESBYTERIAN.

KNOX CHURCH.—Stanley Avenue. Rev. Joseph McCay, M.A. Morning, 11 o'clock. "Sin," and evening at 7.30. "Christian Optimism."

ST. COLUMBA.—Mitchell and Granite Streets, Oak Bay. At 11 a.m. Rev. J. G. Brown will sing. At 7.30 p.m. the pastor, Rev. T. S. Baynes, will preach on "The Indefatigability of Sin." Sunday school at 2.30 p.m.

BAPTIST.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.—Fairfield and Chester Streets. Pastor, R. H. West. 11 a.m., "Suffering With Christ." 7.30 p.m., "Divine Healing." Strangers invited.

UNITARIAN.

UNITARIAN CHURCH.—Fernwood and Balmoral. Rev. E. J. Bowden, B.D. Service at 11; evening at 7.30. Miss Work on "Facing the Social Problems of Victoria."

NEW THOUGHT TEMPLE.

NEW THOUGHT TEMPLE.—Hall, 118 Pemberton Block. Dr. Butler will speak at 11 a.m. on "The I Am God." 7.30 p.m. at the Dominion Theatre. Subject, "The Results of New Thought."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.—187 1/2 Pandora Avenue. Services are held on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Subject for Sunday, February 3, "Love." Testimonial meetings every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visitors welcome.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHRISTADELPHIAN HALL.—141 North Park Street. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; breaking of bread, 11 a.m.; evening, 7.30.

FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH meets in St. John's Hall, Herald St., at 3 p.m. Mrs. Iles, 7.30 p.m., F. E. Plummer. Psychic messages.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Rev. W. Leslie Clay, D. D., Minister.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd.

11 a. m.—Public Worship; Preacher, the Rev. T. S. Barnes.

12.15 p. m.—Adult Bible Class.

2.30 p. m.—Sabbath School.

7.30 p. m.—The Minister will preach on "In Doubting Castle." Soloist—Mrs. Stringer. Everyone Welcome.

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CHURCH SERVICES

(Continued.)

LUTHERAN

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—Princess and Chambers Sts. Rev. Otto George Gerlach, pastor. English Lutheran services every Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday school, 2.30 p.m. Welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Corner Quadra and Mason Streets. Rev. Chas. Croucher, Pastor.

11 a.m. THE "FLAMING SWORD"

Evening, 7.30—

"The Two Things for Which We Are Fighting"



Organ Recital, 7, by Mr. Deane Wells.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(Corner Quadra and Fisgard Streets). Minister—REV. JNO. GIBSON INKSTER, B.A.

11 a.m. 7.30 p.m.

"Lift Up Your Eyes and Look on the Fields" "The Future of the Jews and God's Plan of the Ages"

Visitors from the prairies, sailors, soldiers and strangers cordially invited. Select Choir. Splendid Music.

Annual Meeting of Congregation, Monday, 8 p.m.

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OAKLANDS GOSPEL HALL

Cedar Hill Road, Near Hillside Car Terminus

Christians Meet 7 p.m. Bright Gospel Service

11 a.m.—Breaking of Bread and Worship. Speaker—Mr. T. H. Maynard.

3 p.m.—School. \$45 a. m.—Young People's Service.

New Thought Free Lectures

Dominion Theatre, Sunday 7.30 p.m.

Dr. T. W. Butler will speak. Subject:

"THE RESULTS OF NEW THOUGHT"

Mr. Mark Sampson will sing.

Sunday, 11 A.M., at Hall, 118 Pemberton Block. Subject: "THE I AM GOD."

COME, and hear the Gospel of the Sweet now and now.

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By Caro M. Brown

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IN the interest of food conservation, it has been proved most economical to insist upon a standard loaf of bread from all bake-shops, and this is only possible when a standard flour is manufactured. In order to effect this standardization of flour all over Canada, the Government requires that the mills make not less than 74 per cent flour from wheat, that is 74 pounds of War Flour is to be made from 100 pounds of wheat. This is only very slightly more than most mills are already extracting.

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The War Flour will not have quite the white colour of FIVE ROSES, but for all practical uses it will give identical results in baking. Flavour, texture, general appearance and nutritive value will not be impaired in any way.

Excellent Baking Results

Foreseeing that some regulation of this sort was imminent, we have been trying out in our Laboratory recipes for Bread, Cakes and Pastry, using the new "War Flour," our idea being to ascertain if any modification of present methods should be adopted. There need be no fear that the new flour will make unpalatable bread, cake or pastry. We were more than pleased with the results, and found that for bread no variation seemed to be necessary.

Some Suggestions for Housewives

In making pie crust and puff paste, we have obtained the best results by using very slightly less water than with FIVE ROSES. The crust was flaky, crisp and well-flavoured. For cake, we followed exactly the same recipe in using FIVE ROSES and the War Flour; the cake from the War Flour was equal to that from FIVE ROSES in lightness and texture, was excellent in flavour and of a rich, creamy colour.

As the War Flour will be rich in gluten, care should be taken in making baking-powder biscuit and pastry not to work it or handle it any more than is absolutely necessary, as this toughens the gluten, resulting in a texture less tender and flaky. It will require a little study and ingenuity on the part of each housewife to adapt her favourite recipe to this flour, but the little time given to this will be more than repaid by the results obtained.

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of VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD

Extensive Casualty Lists Mention British Athletes

London, Feb. 2.—The toll of Britain's sportsmen shows no falling off in late casualty lists. Mr. P. J. de Paravicini, the old Etonian cricketer and footballer, has received news that his sons, Major J. de Paravicini and Lieut. C. L. de Paravicini, are both missing after the fight at Cambrai.

Pathetic interest attaches to the announcement of the award of the Military Cross to Mon. Arthur Kinnaird, Scots Guards, whose death in action occurred prior to the public notification. Lord Kinnaird, the veteran president of the Football Association, has still two sons serving, Hon. Kenneth Kinnaird, Yeomanry, and Lieut. Patrick Kinnaird, Scots Guards. His oldest son, Major J. de Paravicini, was killed early in the war. Capt. H. H. Griffith, R.F.C., an old Brightonian, killed in an airplane accident, rowed in the Christ's College, Cambridge, boat. Lieut. George Spencer, the well-known Royal Blackheath and Sunningdale player, had he survived, would have been recommended for a reward. He behaved with conspicuous gallantry during the enemy counter-offensive near Cambrai. Second Lieut. T. A. Carey, Irish Guards, killed in action, played full back in the Trinity College, Dublin, hockey team, and later was well known in Ceylon as a big game shot.

Scotch Soccer Star Dead.—The wife of the well-known football player, Sergt. James Dunn, Highland Light Infantry, previously reported missing, has received word in Glasgow that her husband was killed in action. He was twenty-six years of age, and played for Glasgow, Perthshire, Motherwell and North British clubs. Capt. A. Burton Cook, R.F.C., killed in action, was born in New Zealand, and educated at Glasgow High School. He was a prominent athlete and Rugby footballer, and was one of the finest swimmers in Scotland. Capt. A. J. McGuffie, Scottish Rifles, who has fallen, was for several years captain of the West of Scotland Harriers, and represented Scotland in cross-country races, and also in the hockey matches against England.

The son of H. Stevenson, the well-known billiard professional, who is in the Middlesex Regiment, and attached to the front to a hospital in England suffering from trench legs after two and a half years' service in the army. The youngster is now only twenty years of age.

From All Fields of Sport.
Sec. Lt. G. V. Blake, Shropshire Light Infantry, who has fallen, was a member of the Shropshire County hockey team. Capt. H. A. Denison, M.C., K.R.R., the well-known racquets player, is again officially reported wounded. Lt. H. W. Milligan, Lance Fusiliers, killed in action, rowed and played Rugby football for Worcester College. Capt. A. B. Clarke, M.C.R.A., M.C., killed, was a graduate of Aberdeen University, and well known as a cricketer and Rugby footballer. He

was a Devonshire man. Capt. W. Potheringham, M.C., R.A.M.C., the well-known Scottish golfer, who won the Dundee Evening Telegraph trophy in 1912, is officially reported wounded.

A Scottish Olympian.
Lt. Ivan Laing, M.C., Coldstream Guards, killed, was prominent as an athlete in the South of Scotland about ten years ago. He played in the three-quarter line for the Hawick Rugby F. C. and was a member of the Scottish hockey team at the Olympia Games in London. Mr. Arthur Cannon, Royal Sussex Regiment, has been wounded. It is feared, rather badly. He is a son of Joseph Cannon, the trainer, and has been for many years a valued member of the editorial staff of The Sportsman. Sec. Lt. P. J. Osborn, Northants Regiment, the well-known county hockey player, in addition to being temporarily blinded by gas, is now suffering from bronchial pneumonia. Capt. D. T. Railles, M.C., Tank Corps, officially reported wounded, is a member of a family well known in sport and war, and himself a fine all-round athlete.

J. McCourt (Birmingham F. C.), who has fallen in action, played with Birmingham Reserves, and appeared for the first time on several occasions at left half. He and McClure were brothers-in-law.

News has reached Belfast that Capt. William V. Edwards, Royal Irish Fusiliers, has been killed in action. Deceased was one of the finest athletes in Ulster. He was a leading forward of the Malone Rugby F.C., and frequently played for Ireland in international matches. He was also a noted swimmer, and a few years ago swam across Belfast Lough, being the first to win this distinction.

An Ice Hockey Player.
Lieut. H. W. Santa, R. F. A., attached to the Army Ordnance Corps, who has died of broncho-pneumonia, was well known in the West of England as an athlete. He was especially proficient in ice hockey, and had taken part in international matches.

Mr. Alan Tegetmeir, London Regiment, an old Alleynian, is amongst the killed. He was keenly interested in swimming, and among other distinctions was one of the holders in 1913 of the fifty-guinea Darnell Cup and silver medals for team swimming and life-saving championship promoted by the Royal Life Saving Society.

PRESBYTERIANS HAVE EASY TIME WINNING FROM FAIRFIELD TEAM

The Presbyterian ladies had little trouble in disposing of the Fairfield Methodist team, evening in the only game played in the ladies' division of the Sunday School Basketball League. The final score was 15-3.

In the first period the game was rather slow and the whistle brought the interval with the tally standing 4-0, in favor of the Presbyterians. Miss Beatrice Pearce, captain of the Fairfield team, was greatly missed by her team. Had she been playing the results of the match might have been altered considerably.

Marjorie Moffatt and Dorothy Aird were the stars for the winners, securing four and three baskets, respectively. Jessie Sward netted the only basket made by the Fairfield team, and Thelma Owen scored on a free shot.

WORLD'S CHAMPION IS DEFEATED BY NARROW MARGIN OF ONE POINT

Chicago, Feb. 2.—John Moore, of Chicago, defeated Alfred de Oro, world's three-cushion billiard champion, last night, in the Ambulance Fund, 59 to 52, in the closest and most exciting game of the tournament. De Oro came from behind and tied the score at 49, and after each man had missed several close shots the Chicagoan finally scored. It was Moore's second victory in eight starts. The game went seventy-eight innings.

CANADIANS BOXING

London, Feb. 2.—With Col. Mayes and other prominent officers lending every encouragement, the sport of fistfights flourishes in every Canadian camp on this side. The Canadian authorities attach considerable importance to the value of boxing for the purpose of making the complete soldier. Col. Mayes believes it inculcates the fighting spirit, and so do others, with the result that instructors have been appointed to foster the noble art, which forms part of the physical training.

In order to test the work divisional championships are regularly held.

QUEENS DEFEATED.

Kington, Feb. 2.—Playing a bang-up game in the last ten minutes of play, the Crescents of Toronto defeated Queens here last night ten to three. It was nip-and-tuck for the first two periods, but in the last Queens failed and the Crescents were not allowed in taking advantage of this.

ENTRIES NOW COMING.

Several entries have been received already for the elimination boxing tournament that will be held at the Willows Camp on Friday next. Among these it is stated, are Scotty McKay and Charlie and Harry Picca.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN TAKES FINAL COUNT

Ex-World Champion Died at His Home at Abington Early To-day

FOUGHT IN DAYS WHEN BARE KNUCKLES WENT

Abington, Mass., Feb. 2.—John L. Sullivan, formerly heavyweight champion boxer of the United States, died at his home here to-day.

Sullivan, who was 59 years of age, had lived on a farm here for the last ten years. He was taken ill with heart trouble three weeks ago, but his health quickly improved and he went to Boston yesterday. This morning he arose as usual and planned another visit to the city, but during the forenoon had an attack of the old trouble from which he failed to rally. He died at noon. Sullivan's wife died some months ago.

His Career.

With the passing of John L. Sullivan another of the world's great ring heroes has finished his mortal career. The death of the famed John comes close upon that of the great fighter Bob Fitzsimmons and is another move in depleting the ranks of the veterans of the fist game.

John L. Sullivan was born on October 15, 1854, at Boston, Mass., and by nationality was always termed an Irish American. His big fights really commenced about 1878. Sullivan's fighting weight was 136 pounds, and his height 5 feet 10½ inches. His first days in the prize ring were far different from those that are experienced by the modern pugilist. Those were the days of bare knuckles.

Biggest Fights.

Sullivan's biggest fights were about five in number. He met Paddy Ryan, at Mississippi City, on February 7, 1882, under the London prize ring rules; bare knuckles. It was \$5,000 a side and the championship and won in the ninth. The other main fights were:

Charlie Mitchell, at Chantilly, France, March 10, 1888, bare knuckles, \$2,500 a side and the championship, thirty-nine rounds, called a draw.

Jake Kilrain, at Richmond, Miss., July 8, 1889, \$10,000 a side and championship, bare knuckles, seventy-five rounds. Sullivan won.

James J. Corbett, at New Orleans, September 7, 1892, \$25,000 a side and \$10,000 a side, Marquis of Queensberry rules, five-ounce gloves, for the championship. Sullivan lost, twenty-one rounds.

1878-9, at Boston, he boxed "Cocky" Woods, Dan Dwyer, Tommy Chandler, Mike Donovan and Patsy Hogan.

Sullivan's Record.

1880—Joe Goss, at Boston, April 4, exhibition, three rounds; Geo. Rooke, at Boston, June 23, knockout, two rounds; J. Donaldson, at Cincinnati, December 24, knockout, ten rounds.

1881—Steve Taylor, at New York, March 21, won, two rounds; John Flood, at Yonkers, May 16, won, eight rounds; Fred Crossley, at Philadelphia, July 11, knockout, one round; James Dalton, at Chicago, knockout, four rounds; Jack Burns, at Chicago, knockout, two rounds.

1882—Paddy Ryan, at Mississippi City, February 7, knockout, nine rounds; John McDermott, at Rochester, April 29, won, three rounds; Jimmy Elliott, at New York, July 4, knockout, three rounds; Tug Wilson, at New York, July 17, failed to start, four rounds; Joe Coburn, at New York, December 23, exhibition, three rounds.

1887—Charlie Mitchell, at New York, May 11, won, three rounds; Herbert A. Slade, at New York, August 6, won, three rounds.

1884—Fred Robinson, at Butte, Mont., January 14, won, three rounds; George M. Robinson, at San Francisco, March 6, won, four rounds; Alex Marx, at Galveston, April 10, knockout, one round; Dan Henry, at Hot Springs, April 29, knockout, one round; Wm. Fleming, at Memphis, May 1, knockout, one round; Enos Phillips, at Nashville, May 2, won, four rounds; John W. Taylor, at New York, November 10, won, three rounds; Alf. Greenfield, at New York, November 17, won, two rounds.

1885—Alf. Greenfield, at Boston, January 12, won, four rounds; Paddy Ryan, at New York, January 19, police, one round; Jack Burke, at Chicago, June 12, won, five rounds; Dom. McCaffrey, at Cincinnati, August 29, won, six rounds.

1886—Frank Heald, at Allegheny, September 18, won, two rounds; Paddy Ryan, at San Francisco, November 13, knockout, three rounds; Duncan McDonald, at Denver, Col., December 28, draw, four rounds.

1887—Patsy Cardiff, at Minneapolis, January 18, draw, six rounds.

1888—Charlie Mitchell, at Chantilly, France, March 10, draw, thirty-nine rounds.

1889—Jake Kilrain, at Richmond, July 8, won, seventy-five rounds.

1891—J. J. Corbett, at San Francisco, June 26, exhibition, four rounds.

1892—Jim Corbett, at New Orleans, September 7, knockout, twenty-one rounds.

1896—Tom Sharkey, at New York, August 31, no decision, three rounds. Sullivan started in September, 1882, and made a tour of the United States, lasting about nine months, offering \$1,000 to anyone whom he could not defeat in four rounds. During that time he knocked out about fifty men.

Sullivan's downfall was due largely

to drink. He was one with the crowd, and the success of his career came speedily to a close when he departed from the right life of the professional pugilist. For a time he was in bad shape and numerous benefits were held for him in his home town. A change came, however, and John took up farming near Boston. He turned over a new leaf, became an abstainer from liquor, and for many years has been a respected resident of Abington.

GOOD BASKETBALL IS EXPECTED TO-NIGHT

Duncan Ladies Will Play Presbyterian; Intermediate League Games

A big basketball programme is on the boards for play to-night. At the Y. M. C. A. three games will be contested, while at the gymnasium of the First Presbyterian Church two matches of particular interest will be staged.

To-night the Duncan ladies' basketball team invades the Capital to do battle with a ladies' team of the Presbyterian Church. The up-island quintette has a reputation for successive victories that is indeed noteworthy, and the team may be expected to give the locals a hard battle. This game will be followed by a contest between a senior-Presbyterian team and an aggregation from the local Y. M. C. A. There has been practically no senior basketball in the city this winter and an occasional match such as this evening's is therefore a special attraction. The first game will commence at 7:30 o'clock.

At the Y. M. C. A. the intermediate division will be proceeded with. Four games were scheduled, but one of these will be postponed. It has been announced. The Presbyterian A and B teams will play their match at a later date. To-night's games are: Crusaders vs. St. John's, Metropolitan vs. Reform Episcopal, Christ Church vs. Centralists. With each week of play the class of basketball in the intermediate division has improved until the games are now well worth watching.

The following lineups are announced for the ladies' game at the First Presbyterian Church:

Duncan ladies—Guards, Miss Nita Booth and Miss Rudiger; forwards, Miss Kate Robertson and Myrtle Booth; centre, Miss Ann Robertson; spare, Miss June Centares.

Presbyterian ladies—Guards, Miss Beadie Harkness and Miss Ruby Harkness; forwards, Miss Mary Hannan and Miss Ella Fraser and Miss Gay Pauley (half game each); centre, Miss Bee Briggs.

The game between the ladies' team will be refereed by Bob Whyte.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS

The following tables gives the standing to date of the public schools entered in the organized football and basketball leagues. The results are announced by Geo. Austin, honorary sports secretary for the public schools. Results to February 2:

Football—Senior Teams.	
Games.	Pts.
South Park School.....	2 4
George Jay School.....	1 1
Monterey Ave. School.....	2 2
Boys' Central School.....	3 2
Quindry St. School.....	3 4
Margaret Jenkins School.....	3 1
Oaklands School.....	1 1
Lampson St. School.....	1 0

Football—Junior Team.	
Monterey Ave. School.....	1 0
South Park School.....	2 3
Margaret Jenkins School.....	2 3
Boys' Central School.....	3 1
Quindry St. School.....	3 5
George Jay School.....	2 3
Oaklands School.....	1 1
North Ward School.....	1 2
Lampson St. School.....	1 1

Basketball—Girls.	
Oaklands.....	0 0
Monterey Ave.....	0 0
George Jay.....	1 2
Lampson Street.....	1 2
Burnside.....	0 0

Basketball—Boys.	
North Ward.....	1 0
South Park.....	0 0
Monterey Avenue.....	1 2
George Jay.....	1 0
Margaret Jenkins.....	1 2
Boys' Central.....	1 0
Lampson Street.....	1 0

FORCES MUST NOT BE WEAKENED FOR SAKE OF AIDING BASEBALL

Boston, Feb. 2.—The Boston National League club announced last night that it would not sanction the playing on the team of any members now in the army or navy who might succeed in obtaining furloughs.

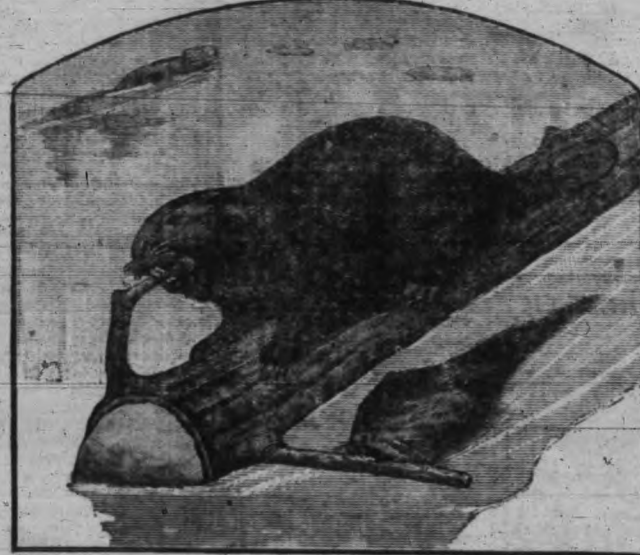
"The owners of the Braves," the announcement says, "believe that baseball has its place to-day as ever and that the public needs and desires that relaxation found in clean sport, but they do not believe that the strength of our fighting forces should be permitted to be weakened because of baseball."

NOW WITH BOSTON.

Boston, Feb. 2.—John E. Murray, of Everett, pitcher on the Georgetown University team for three years, was signed by the Boston National League Club to-day.

STECHER WON.

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 2.—Joe Stecher won in straight falls from Otto Freiberg, the Swedish wrestler, in their match here last night. It took the Nebraska sixty-two minutes to win the first fall, and but two minutes for the second.



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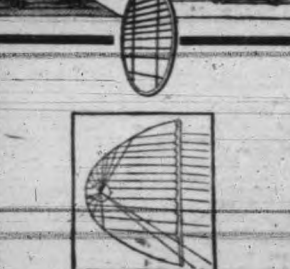
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5TH REGIMENT BAND WILL PLAY AT GAME

Banquet and Smoking Concert Will Be Held for Camp Lewis Visitors

Local soccerites are looking forward to a great day on Saturday next, when the Camp Lewis footballers invade the Capital. The announcement was made to-day that the 5th Regiment band would be on hand at the Royal Athletic Park on February 3, when the soccer contest is played. Through the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Angus, the committee in charge of the tournament event was able to announce the fact that the band would be in attendance.

The committee has also been able to arrange for a banquet and smoking concert on the Saturday evening following the game. The affair will be held in the K. of P. Hall on North Park Street at 7:30 o'clock. In addition to the visitors from Camp Lewis and the E. M. C. H. men there will be a few specially invited guests. The whole affair will be open to the public and tickets will be on sale in the near future.

ZBYSZKO IS WINNER.

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 2.—Wladek Zbyszko last night defeated Charlie Cutler, of Chicago, after one hour and thirteen minutes of wrestling. The police stopped the bout after the Pole had the Chicago man in a bad place with the toe hold. Attending physicians declared that Cutler's ankle was badly sprained.

IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS.

1900—Terry McGovern defeated Edw. Santry in five rounds at Chicago. 1904—Abe Attell knocked out Harry Forbes in the fifth round at St. Louis. 1909—Kid Broad and George Fraser fought a six-round draw at Lorain, Ohio.

High School Activities

Portia Club addressed by Mrs. Mayne on "India"; vivid descriptions of life in the great colony enjoyed by students.

Instead of holding a regular meeting this week the Portia Society invited the school to attend an illustrated lecture under its auspices on the subject of India. Miss Cann, the honorary president, in introducing the speaker, Mrs. Mayne, pointed out that at this time, when the British people were fighting for their national existence, it was of special interest to Canadians to learn more about the distant parts of the Empire.

Mrs. Mayne commenced her address with a concise historical sketch of India, beginning on its ancient civilization, its conquest by the Macedonians, the Moguls and by Clive. Her description of the Mutiny was particularly interesting, and the lantern pictures rendered it extremely vivid.

In discussing India as she had seen and known it, Mrs. Mayne divided her theme under several heads corresponding to the various religions of the natives. In this connection the illustrations of the Mohammedan mosques with their superb domes and precious marbles and the Brahman temples carved in the solid rock were, perhaps, the most astonishing of all. In addition, many beautiful scenic views of the Indian mountains, and portraits of the many and various types to be seen in the East, were shown.

The speaker's imitation of a weird Indian chant, however, was more appreciated by the students than all the jewelled splendor of the Orient.

In conclusion, Mrs. Mayne, who has often taken part in the great sport of India described, for the benefit of the boys, the complicated course of a tiger hunt. The accompanying pictures of the game drew murmurs of admiration from the male portion of the spectators.

The large audience, composed of nearly the entire student body, went away impressed with a vivid picture of Britain's great colony.

The portrayals of the various characters of the matriculation play are beginning to take a more tangible form as the individual talents of the players assert themselves, and at each rehearsal an added understanding of the parts is apparent to all observers.

In considering "As You Like It," one's thoughts immediately turn to that philosophical humorist Touchstone, and dwell on his merry jests interspersed with sound logic. In Tate, the coach, Miss Badley found a student almost exactly fitted by nature in form and voice to achieve success in this important role. Moreover, he has come to understand that Touchstone is no ordinary fool, no vulgar jester, but a man of acute intelligence, one of the greatest creations of the Elizabethan dramatist.

The part of Rosalind is also well taken. The entire change of manner necessary when the heroine is disguised as a young man is very ably acted, and the fascinating feminine portions are rendered with ease and grace.

Jacques, considered by some the most interesting of the male characters, has received from the author such a depth of treatment and the ideas are so complicated and varied as to render it extremely difficult of portrayal. Chadwick, however, seems to have perceived, in some degree, the distorted views of the philosopher, his affected melancholy and biting misanthropy.

Mackintosh, hitherto known as a quiet twentieth century student appears before the footlights to be imbued with the dashing spirit of the Elizabethan youth. After overcoming the stout wrestler Charles, smitten by the charms of Rosalind, he becomes the proverbial lover, "sighing like furnace," and carving his mistress' name promiscuously on the trees of the forest.



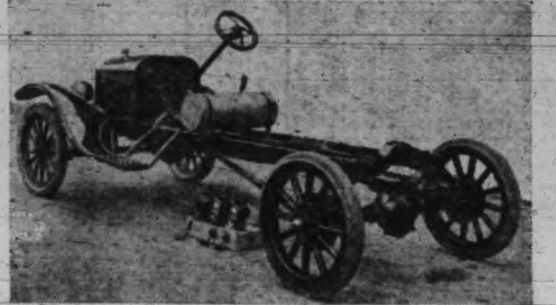
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Building Permit.—A building permit has been issued to Edward Jones for additions at 1713 Fernwood Road.

Women's Liberal Association.—The regular meeting of the Victoria Women's Liberal Association will be held on Monday evening in the Arcade Building, at 8 o'clock. H. C. Hall, M. P. F., will address the meeting on the subject of "Historical Principles of Liberalism." Other matters of importance will also be dealt with. Prairie visitors and all others interested are cordially invited to attend.

Private Thomas Cavanagh.—The Provincial Police have been asked to assist in finding the partner, described as a Frenchman, of the late Private Thomas Cavanagh, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, who was killed in action in March, 1917. They were trappers, and appear to have lived in the northern part of the Province near a store kept by a firm known as McPherson's.

Referendum Defeated.—The vote taken among parents of children attending the Sir James Douglas School as to whether the school—open hours should be extended from an hour to an hour and a half in the interests of the pupils at the Margaret Jenkins School, was announced to-day, the vote standing: For extension seventy-five, against 188. There will therefore be no change. The result was almost foregone, owing to the opposition of Fairfield parents, who voted overwhelmingly against a change.

Joint Meeting.—At the first joint meeting of the executives of the Natural History Society and the Astronomical Society final arrangements were made for joint meetings during the remainder of the winter and until normal conditions return. By doing this there will be economy effected and additional interest brought to the meetings. Owing to so many of the members being overseas the meetings had dwindled somewhat. The first of the joint meetings is to be held on Monday when F. Napier Denison will lecture on "Abnormal World-Wide Weather Conditions."

Children Give Play.—The Children's Christmas Cantata, "Johnnie Doubter," was presented by the scholars of the St. Matthias' Mission Sunday School, at the Margaret Jenkins School Friday evening, in aid of the Hollywood Branch of the Red Cross, under the able management of Mrs. E. J. Harris, Miss Duckitt and Miss Monica Davis, was a great success. Much credit is due these ladies for the able manner in which all the characters were sustained, the little actors entering into the spirit of the play with much zest. The tickets are not yet all handed in, but as soon as possible a statement of the receipts will be submitted. The thanks of the branch are extended to all those who assisted in various ways.

Play by Fernwood Juveniles.—A play entitled "In Red Cross Circles," is to be given by the Fernwood Juveniles in the High School Auditorium on February 12, in aid of the Fernwood Branch of the Red Cross. The play is from the pen of Miss Dorothy Switzer, and embraces specialty dances and solos, and the whole programme will be performed by children. The youngsters are being coached in their parts by Mrs. L. T. Davis, and the hope is expressed that the public will turn out in large numbers to encourage the efforts of the youthful thespians on behalf of a worthy cause. The production requires a number of director costumes, and the loan of any would be much appreciated.

Building Society Meets.—The sixteenth annual general meeting of the Victoria No. 2 Building Society took place last night at 532 Broughton Street. The president, W. P. Marchant, in the chair. The reports and accounts for 1917 were presented and adopted by a large gathering of shareholders. The thirty-seventh drawing for appropriations resulted as follows: Shares 47 A and B, J. E. Wilson; 56 A, J. Levy; 157 B, A. Richardson; 213 A and B, W. P. Marchant; 211 A and B, D. L. MacLaurin; 73 A, Edgar Fleming. The following were elected directors for the coming year: E. J. Wall, Wm. Marchant, R. Wilson, A. G. Mallett and W. P. Marchant. A. St. G. Flint was elected honorary secretary and the acting secretary, T. J. Goodlake, was confirmed in the appointment. At a subsequent meeting of the board W. P. Marchant was elected president and A. G. Mallett vice-president.

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Fight About Game.—Poker.—On Sunday-morning a number of Greeks went down to the Greek Club, Yates Street, and played poker. Constantine Kodkas accused Strat George of cheating. There was a fight in which he was hit over the head with a chair, and he now charged George with assault. The case was dismissed, after it was shown he had struck George with his fist first. He admitted that he had lost money in play, and became angry, this leading to the accusation.

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GREAT WAR VETERANS WILL ELECT OFFICERS

Practically All Executive Members Resigned; Plan Favors Commissioned Officers

The next secret session of the Victoria branch of the Great War Veterans' Association is slated for Tuesday evening next, when more than usual interest attaches to the occasion. A little over a month ago practically the whole of the executive resigned, each and every one protesting his regretted inability to fill the duties of his office with a persistency similar to that of the gentlemen in the fourteenth Chapter of Luke, who spoiled the great supper, because "they all with one consent began to make excuse."

A motion was recently spread on the minutes removing the date of the semi-annual election of officers to the first meeting night in February and August instead of June and December. The object of that was more especially to apply to the officers of the second half of the year, who will in future be well versed in the business and able to take in hand more intelligently the somewhat exacting business incident to Christmas festivities.

It is understood that President Dugan will not again seek office, since the general tendency appears to be to reserve the post for a returned officer with a fairly liberal distribution of executive positions similarly to commissioned men. The names of Major Monk, Major Edwards and Lieut. Rolston, are likely to be submitted to the meeting on Tuesday as candidates for the presidential chair.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED

Action of Woolston vs. B. C. Electric Railway Co. to Go Before Another Court.

The Court of Appeal, which has now concluded its sittings here, yesterday afternoon ordered a new trial in the case of Woolston vs. B. C. Electric Railway Co. Mr. Justice Gallie being in favor of allowing the appeal. The question of costs was reserved. W. C. Moreby appeared for plaintiff, and H. B. Robertson for defendant company.

In the interlocutory appeal, Wellington Collieries vs. the Pacific Coast Coal Mines Co., Ltd., in which W. J. Taylor, K. C., appeared for plaintiffs, and H. B. Robertson for defendants, the appeal was dismissed.

The appeal in the case of Willard vs. The International Timber Co., Ltd., was dismissed, Mr. Justice Gallie dissenting.

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Handel—Sonata in D major.
 Stanford-Menges—(a) Irish Lullaby. Handel—Hamilton Harty—(b) Hornpipe.
 Brahms—Jocelyn—(c) Two Hungarian Dances (in B minor and E minor).
 Ernest—Concerto in F sharp minor.
 Medtner—(a) Nocturne.
 Debussy—(b) La plus que lente.
 Albert—Samson—(c) Pensee Capricieuse.
 Saint-Saens—(d) Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso.

Miss Menges will be accompanied by Miss Elsie Beattie, an accomplished pianist who is touring this country with the eminent violinist. The concert will start promptly at 8.30, and the audience is requested to be in their seats before that hour to avoid interruption of the recital.

LOCAL WILLS

Probates Issued in the Supreme Court Registry During the Present Week.

The following probates of the wills of deceased persons were issued in the Supreme Court Registry during the present week:

Thomas Potter, who died at Victoria, January 19; to Roderick J. Fraser and William Joseph (otherwise William Henry) Clarke, with estate sworn at \$18,098.
 Maria Goodacre, who died at Victoria, January 16; to Samuel Wm. Skelchey, Goodacre, Luella, Maud Pearson, and Elizabeth Mary Goodacre, power being reserved to grant life probate and administration to Elizabeth Skelchey Pope, the remaining executor named in the will, with estate of \$7,777.
 Mary Ann Norris, who died in Victoria, December 17; to Lottie Louise Pendray, with estate at \$5,041.
 Elizabeth Sidwell, who died at South Saanich, January 2; to Samuel Sidwell, with estate at \$450.

Returned Yesterday.—Scot. W. H. Whittingham was the only returning veteran on yesterday's boat from the mainland. He left Victoria as a member of the 67th Battalion, and returns minus his left leg. He was severely wounded by shrapnel in both legs on the Somme, as a result of which his left was amputated above the knee.

Fight About Game.—Poker.—On Sunday-morning a number of Greeks went down to the Greek Club, Yates Street, and played poker. Constantine Kodkas accused Strat George of cheating. There was a fight in which he was hit over the head with a chair, and he now charged George with assault. The case was dismissed, after it was shown he had struck George with his fist first. He admitted that he had lost money in play, and became angry, this leading to the accusation.

Hogs Poisoned.—In view of the campaign being waged in favor of increased hog production, a serious aspect surrounds the reporting by the S.P.C.A. Inspector, of the poisoning of ten hogs, the property of a Chinaman at Lake Hill. The animals, each weighing about ten pounds, died in fifteen minutes after having their supper on December 25. The report also mentions two cases of dog-poisoning in the Fairfield and Saninch districts. Cases dealt with during the month by the Inspector, included eight horses, six dogs, one fowl and one hog.

The Stalker Case.—In the Oak Bay Police Court to-day it was stated on the authority of Dr. Ernest Hall that Mrs. Edith Lillian Stalker, charged with theft, was unfit to appear, and

had been committed to hospital for treatment. It was stated that she was of unsound mind, and would be so certified by two medical men. The Magistrate said he would see her to-day, Mrs. Stalker was arrested on a charge of taking away articles to the value of about \$150 from a furnished house on Hampshire Road belonging to Mrs. Alder. Chief Syme stated that he had taken possession of the furniture in question, pending decision of the Court.

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PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given that the time limited by the Rules of the House for presenting petitions for Private Bills will expire on February 12, 1918. Private Bills must be presented on or before February 23, 1918. Resolutions from Standing or Select Committees on Private Bills must be made on or before March 7, 1918.
 THORNTON FELL,
 Clerk Legislative Assembly.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

Notice Under Section 36.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Elsie Munro as the owner in Fee-simple, under a Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt to Elsie Munro, bearing date the 25th day of November, A.D. 1917, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Collector on or about the 15th day of September, 1916, of all and singular certain parcels or tract of land and premises situate, lying, and being in the District of Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as Lots Five (5), Twenty-two (22), and Twenty-three (23), of part of Section Thirty-two (32), Map 198.

You and those claiming through or under you, and all persons claiming any interest in the said land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act" are required to contest the claim of the purchaser within 30 days of the service of this notice upon you. Otherwise you and each of you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register the said Elsie Munro as owner in fee.

I direct that service of this notice may be made by publication in The Victoria Daily Times twelve consecutive issues. Dated at the Land Registry Office, at the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of November, A.D. 1917.

J. C. GWYNN,
 Registrar-General.
 To G. H. Stewart Esq.,
 Assessed Owner.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

Section 31.

In the Matter of Part of Sub-Lot One, Fernwood Estate, Victoria City, Map 85.

Proof having been filed of the loss of Certificate of Title No. 1963A, issued to Thomas Sinclair Gore on the 14th day of July, 1914, I hereby give notice of my intention, at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof, to issue to the said Thomas Sinclair Gore a fresh Certificate of Title in lieu thereof.

J. C. GWYNN, Registrar-General of Titles.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

Notice Under Section 36.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Dennis Reginald Harris as the owner in Fee-simple, under a Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the Corporation of the District of Saanich, to Dennis Reginald Harris, bearing date the 15th day of November, A.D. 1917, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Collector on or about the 15th day of September, 1916, of all and singular certain parcels or tract of land and premises situate, lying, and being in the District of Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as Lots Five (5), Twenty-two (22), and Twenty-three (23), of part of Section Thirty-two (32), Map 198.

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J. C. GWYNN,
 Registrar-General.
 To Reginald Christopher Thornton, second mortgagee.

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Trouble With Military Police.—William D. McLean was charged in the City Police Court to-day with using abusive language. He appeared to have been questioned by the military police and had a difference of opinion with them. He stated to the Magistrate that he was a driver in a corps trained at Vernon, demobilized but not discharged, and had resented the questions. The case will be heard next week.

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A. O. F.—Court Northern Light, No. 8555, meets at Foresters' Hall, Broad Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. W. F. Fullerton, secretary.

CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS—Court Columbia, 814, meets 4th Monday, 8 p. m., Orange Hall, Yates St. R. L. Cox, 520 Central Block. Phone 1888. Res. 129 South Turner St. Phone 1221.

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2, I. O. O. F., meets Wednesdays, 8 p. m., in Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas Street. D. Dewar, R. S. 129, Broad Street.

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Princess Alexandra, No. 18, meets third Thursday, 8 p. m., Orange Hall, Yates Street. Pres., Mrs. H. Catterall, 221 Port Street; Sec., Mrs. F. Bridges, 977 Cowichan Street.

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Primrose, No. 23, meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 8 p. m., in A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street. Pres., Sister T. Wilson, 1014 Bay St.; Sec., A. L. Harrison, 412 Fairbairn. Visiting members cordially invited.

K. OF P.—Far West Victoria Lodge, No. 1, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, K. of P. Hall, North Park St. Sec., H. Harding, K. of P. R. S. 16 Promis Bldg., 1006 Government Street.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Fride of the Island Lodge, No. 131, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street. President, Griffiths Donna, 1115 Pandora Ave. Secretary, E. Brindley, 1817 Pembroke Street, City.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR—Victoria Chapter, No. 12, meets 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8 p. m., in the K. of P. Hall, North Park St. Visiting members cordially invited.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Alexandra, 116, meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays. A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street. President, J. Baron, 255 S. G. St.; Secretary, J. Smith, 1273 Seaview Ave., Hillside.

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DIED

ELLIS—On February 1, 1918, at the residence, 101 George Road, Thomas Ellis, late of Penikese, B.C., aged 73 years. Born Dublin, Ireland.

The funeral will take place from St. John's Church, Monday, the 4th inst., at 3 p.m. Interment, Ross Bay Cemetery. No flowers.

ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS

FUNERAL NOTICE.

Members of Court Northern Light, No. 855, A. O. F., are requested to meet at A. O. F. Hall at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4, to attend the funeral of our late brother—H. Peilett. Members of sister courts are invited to attend.

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WITNESSES' PROTECTION

Case on Important Point of Law Before Victoria Magistrate.

An important point under the Criminal Code was before Magistrate Jay today for determination, a woman being prosecuted for attempting to "obstruct, pervert, or defeat the course of justice."

These words are from subsection D of section 180, and in commenting on the matter the Magistrate thought probably the case might have proceeded under subsection A, which makes it an offence to "dissuade or attempt to dissuade any person by threats or bribes from giving evidence."

The woman, an Italian named Celeste Nanni, had sent a message through a girl to her mother, held in custody. The message had relation to the prosecution of her husband for selling liquor.

The City Prosecutor new declared that message was to restrain the Crown witness from giving evidence, while the defence contended it was an invitation "not to get her husband into trouble."

City Prosecutor Harrison said the section had been framed to prevent tampering with witnesses, in order that all evidence in a trial should be before the Court. If that kind of thing was allowed to go on, it was no use attempting to bring criminal charges, and unless punishment followed such efforts a serious state of affairs would result.

In reply to the Court's observation about dissuading, he stated that it would then have been necessary to prove actual threat or bribe.

For the defence Percy Walls contended that a woman speaking very little English, it was quite possible that a wrong construction had been put on the message.

The Magistrate remanded the accused till Monday, in order that he might consider the authorities.

EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS

Claims Refused Total 4,118 Throughout Province; Nearly 1,000 at Willows.

The total claims which have been dealt with by Exemption Tribunals in the Province number 12,886, of which 8,748 were granted exemptions, and 4,118 refused. Military representatives appealed 185 cases, and applicants, 2,045. The total strength of the 2nd Depot Battalion, at the Willows, is now 956, and several drafts have left.

MARKET BY-LAW

Mayor Will Ask Council to Revise By-Law at Early Date.

Mayor Todd will ask the City Council on Monday to appoint a committee of the whole to consider the revision of the Market By-Law, with a view to determine the principle of a producers' market.

The most important subject to be discussed at that meeting will be the question of a tax sale, whether for 1914 delinquencies, or only for those of 1913. The subject has been twice before the Council already, without a decision.

For Passports see W. H. Price, next Bank of Montreal.

Though the Time is Extended, parents are expected to have Anti-Vaccination forms for their children completed as soon as possible.

Anti-Vaccination Forms furnished and completed by W. H. Price, Notary Public, 1208 Government Street (upstairs), next Bank of Montreal.

CONCERT FOR SOLDIERS

Next-of-Kin Association Arrange

Splendid Concert for Monday

Night at Willows Camp.

The Great War Next-of-Kin Association has responded to the appeal made by the military secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work at the Willows camp and the various committees have now made all arrangements to give "the boys" who are leaving with a big draft in the next few days a good "send off."

The entertainment will be held from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on Monday evening in the pavilion at the Willows and will take the form of a promenade concert and dance.

The proceedings will open with the singing of "O Canada," the solo of which will be sung by Mrs. Harry Briggs. Other vocal numbers will be contributed by some of the best local talent through the kindness of the Ladies' Musical Club. The Association has been most fortunate in securing the valuable assistance of the 5th Regiment Band and a programme of attractive dance music is being prepared.

Refreshments will be served, and an invitation has been sent to the men leaving Esquimalt with the next naval draft. Members of the Association will be admitted to the pavilion on presentation of their membership cards.

Mr. Keen is a pioneer of the Kootenay district and has held many important positions as a mining and civil engineer. Although he passed his sixtieth birthday he retains all the vigor and vim of a man half his age. He is an Englishman and hailed originally from Cheshire, whence he came to British Columbia more than a quarter of a century ago. For many years he was an officer in the Royal Navy.

It will be remembered by many old-timers of the interior that it was John Keen who made the original survey for the city of Kaslo, and he holds the distinction of having been its first magistrate, a wealth of colorful information which has been a great help to him in his public life. He is outspoken, keen in debate, and there will be no hesitancy on his part when rules of debate call for a decision from "Mr. Speaker."

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STORES OPEN TO-NIGHT.

Times readers are reminded that as the weekly half-holiday now falls on Wednesday the stores will be open to-night, as was customary before the half-day closing law went into force.

JOHN KEEN TO BE TWELFTH SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

Government Will Extend Invitation to Present Member for Kaslo

IS PIONEER OF THE KOOTENAY DISTRICTS

John Keen, Liberal member in the Provincial House and Deputy Speaker, will be invited by the Cabinet to accept the Speakership, which office has recently been vacated by J. W. Weart, M. P. P. The foregoing decision was arrived at during the meeting of the Provincial Executive this morning. That the choice of the Government has fallen upon the logical successor to the important position will be appreciated throughout the province, and particularly in those sections where Mr. Keen is so well-known. The new Speaker was returned as the Liberal member for the constituency of Kaslo at the general election. He is a popular favorite with all members of the House, both Liberal and Conservative, while particular demonstration of his sound judgment, absolute fairness, and ready wit may be regarded as a foregone conclusion during the forthcoming session.

Former Naval Officer.

Mr. Keen is a pioneer of the Kootenay district and has held many important positions as a mining and civil engineer. Although he passed his sixtieth birthday he retains all the vigor and vim of a man half his age. He is an Englishman and hailed originally from Cheshire, whence he came to British Columbia more than a quarter of a century ago. For many years he was an officer in the Royal Navy.

It will be remembered by many old-timers of the interior that it was John Keen who made the original survey for the city of Kaslo, and he holds the distinction of having been its first magistrate, a wealth of colorful information which has been a great help to him in his public life. He is outspoken, keen in debate, and there will be no hesitancy on his part when rules of debate call for a decision from "Mr. Speaker."

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Quebec, Feb. 2.—The cases heard by the local exemption tribunals under the Military Service Act total 3,933. Exemptions to the number of 20,535 have been granted, of which 2,811 are temporary. Seven hundred and forty-four exemptions were refused. The military authorities have appealed in 10,718 cases so far and 294 enlisted men have appealed from the decisions of tribunals.

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LABOR POLITICAL PARTY IS PLANNED

First Steps Taken To-day After B. C. Labor Federation's Convention

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—The initial steps in connection with the formation of a labor political party, composed of all classes, whether organized or unorganized, were taken at the close of the annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor this morning, a committee being named to formulate plans for the completion of the organization. This committee was instructed to report back to the meeting this afternoon. The following were appointed on the committee: Messrs. Yates, W. R. Trotter, J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Head, A. E. Wells, Martin, E. T. Kingsley, Komter, G. I. Ardy, J. H. McVey, R. P. Pettipiece and Gordon Kelly.

Gordon Kelly, President of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, was appointed temporary chairman, and R. P. Pettipiece, secretary pro tem.

Several names were suggested for the party, that which seems to meet with the greatest approval being one suggested by Mr. Pettipiece, who proposed "The Federal Labor Party." This matter, however, was left in the hands of the committee.

That the platform of the party should not be characterized by any hard and fast lines, but should embrace all classes, and be not confined to organized labor, was Mr. Pettipiece's suggestion.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M.P.P., elect for Newcastle, threw out suggestions as to the course which should be followed in forming the party.

"The Socialist Party of Canada," he declared, "is not suited to this country, and does not fulfill its functions. What is needed is a party which covers a wide sphere and is not confined to one particular class."

Dealing with the Socialist Party, the speaker stated that one of its greatest troubles was that it was founded on German literature.

STORMY SESSION OF BERLIN COUNCIL

Socialists Demanded Public Meetings Be Allowed; Council Had to Adjourn

The Hague, Feb. 2.—The Koelnische Volks Zeitung has a report from Berlin that the strike situation is unchanged.

A stormy debate took place in the town council of Berlin, the Social Democrats demanding the suspension of the law forbidding public meetings. The mayor called for order, which only incited the members more, so the meeting had to adjourn.

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—Accounts of the strike disturbances in Berlin which appeared in the Berlin newspapers of Friday morning, copies of which have reached here, show that they assumed an extensive character. All parts of Greater Berlin were involved with the exception of Unter den Linden and Schloss-Platz. The latter place, in which the Palace is situated, was entirely deserted, as the papers remark significantly.

The worst disturbances were in the Magdalen district, where crowds of strikers attempted to overturn street cars. The police intervened and were resisted by the strikers, collisions occurring. There were stormy scenes also in North Berlin and East Berlin, where youths and girls crowded the streets, climbed on board street cars and wrested the controllers from the conductors or overturned the cars. In the suburbs of Tempelhof crowds demolished a number of cars and cut the cables. There were disturbances of a lively character in the southern part of the city also. Frequent fights occurred between strikers and employees who were remaining at work.

The street car service was suspended after noon. Street cars which usually carry workmen were stopped by strikers, who severed the cables. Disturbances continued until evening.

OKANAGAN VEGETABLES.

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—Because the market at the present time is poor for vegetables, the Dominion Government has been approached by the growers of the South Okanagan district to have their produce evaporated, and a proposition has been made that the Provincial or Federal Government, or both, shall provide funds so that the supplies of vegetables can be evaporated and held for use of the overseas forces later in the season.

J. W. Jones, M.P.P. for South Okanagan, who is at the Hotel Vancouver, on his way to Victoria, made the foregoing statement to The World.

AN ONTARIO RESIGNATION.

Guelph, Feb. 2.—Donald Douglas, for the past ten years farm superintendent of the Ontario Agricultural College, has tendered his resignation to take effect March 1.

RAILROAD PLANS IN THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Feb. 2.—Agreement to report favorably to the Senate on Monday the administration railroad bill was reached to-day by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, which decided upon Government control to terminate eighteen months after the war and the giving of the President power to initiate rates subject to appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Committee agreed upon a provision to empower the President to relinquish control of short line railroads up to July 1 if necessary, but after that date control would be retained as over other railroads. The provision for compensation to the railroads on the three year basis was agreed upon by the Committee without change.

LEADS 30TH B. C. HORSE.

Vernon, Feb. 2.—Major Thomas Ledue has arrived here to assume command of the 30th B. C. Horse. Major Ledue is a native of Armstrong, and served with distinction at the front with the 2nd C.M.R., a regiment largely recruited in the Okanagan. He was severely wounded last year and was invalided back to Canada, but has sufficiently recovered to go on home service.

COLONIZATION PLANS IN BILL BY J. W. WEART

Will Introduce a Measure at Forthcoming Session of Parliament

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—The creation of a new provincial department of colonization under a special minister of the Government and the establishment of a policy by which the province would provide for community settlements, would sell land to settlers on terms running from twenty-eight to forty years, and would put up dollar for dollar by way of development loans, are features of a proposed legislation which J. W. Weart, former Speaker, will bring before the Government during the forthcoming session.

In his bill Mr. Weart provides for special assistance to returned soldiers and by way of an extra inducement to colonists from the Old Country proposes to provide loans for them up to two dollars for one. That is, the Government would lend an old country settler two dollars for every dollar he himself could put into farm buildings, machinery or stock. In addition to the long term payments provided for in the land purchases, the South Vancouver member proposes that each settler be required to improve his property by cultivation to the extent of ten per cent. per year.

The member declares that he would take the actual handling of the land and community settlement situation out of the hands of the land settlement board, placing it within the control of the proposed new Minister of Colonization. The board would remain in existence, however, in any advisory capacity. Mr. Weart believes that his policy would add 1,000,000 population to the province within a decade.

ALLIES INFLECTED TERRIBLE LOSSES

Took Great Toll of Teutons on the Italian Front

Italian Army Headquarters, Feb. 1, via Rome and London, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The enemy made another powerful effort yesterday to redeem the situation west of the Brenna River, where Italian forces recently won a notable success, but were beaten back by the combined action of the infantry and artillery without reaching his objective of Monte di Valbella, where the Italians are maintaining their positions.

The extent of the enemy losses in the fighting early this week is now known to be much larger than the first accounts indicated. The fuller details making this evident. An observer who talked with a number of the captured officers and men said they were a miserable looking lot, many of them wearing Italian uniforms taken during the invasion of the Friuli region. All the prisoners agreed as to the furious nature of the fighting and the exceptionally heavy losses caused by the concentration of fire by the Italian, French and British batteries. The trenches were levelled and the links between the forward and rear lines swept away, thus stopping all communication and preventing the officers from securing co-ordination in the work of the artillery and the infantry. The few trenches remaining were littered with dead and the survivors were found for the most part on their faces, hysterically crying or praying.

The Twenty-First Rifle Division of the Austrian forces had 5,000 men put out of action, or about 70 per cent. of its fighting force. Brigades of the Eighteenth and Sixteenth Austrian Divisions had casualties amounting to approximately fifty per cent.

160th Landstrum.

But the most terrible loss was inflicted on the 160th Landstrum, which, of several thousand men in line, has only a few hundred left.

The magnitude of the enemy's losses was due to the triple artillery fire of the Allies maintained for forty consecutive hours, often cross firing from two or three directions simultaneously. An unusual feature of this artillery action was the complete unity brought about among the Italian, French and British batteries. This was so marked that one of the chiefs of the artillery staff exclaimed: "At last we have realized unity of command right in the face of the enemy fire."

An enemy battery with four monster 240-millimeter guns was destroyed completely. The whole action disclosed unusual demoralization and confusion in the enemy lines.

While a convoy of prisoners was being taken to the rear an enemy aeroplane, flying low, sought to interrupt its progress. The machine finally was brought down by a rifle. This was said to be a rare instance of the bringing down of an aeroplane by a rifle.

Interrogation of prisoners gave confirmation of reports that the Germans have moved troops from the Russian to the French front during the armistice. This was accomplished indirectly by granting leave to the best troops on the Russian front, their places being filled from the invalid class.

A FUEL PLAN.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 2.—The Dean of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario is trying to arrange for the closing of three of Kingston's Anglican churches and the holding of all services in St. George's Cathedral on Sunday in order to save fuel.

LIQUOR QUESTION DISCUSSED AT OTTAWA

Labor Delegates Told Cabinet Some Workers Need Light Beer

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—During the discussion of the Dominion Prohibition Order-in-Council between the representatives of labor throughout Canada and the Dominion Government this week, the question of light beers was brought up, according to a report on the week's conference made available to-day by the Dominion Trades and Labor Council.

While there was a division of opinion in labor circles on the temperance question, there was no discussion from the view that some men did consider light beers a necessity owing to the nature of their employment, such men for instance as moulders and steel workers. It was suggested to the Government that as light beers did not use up any food grains in their manufacture, the subject should not have been dealt with as a war measure, but left over for decision until after the war as a social measure.

Labor Under-Secretary.

A statement was made by the Government that it was intended to create a post of Under-Secretary of Labor. The labor representatives replied that they could not officially endorse the acceptance of such a position, as it would negotiate labor unions being associated with the political platform of the Government. It was made plain, however, that this decision did not prevent any member of organized labor from accepting such a position as an individual. If such a position were created labor would give the fullest possible support.

The Government agreed to the representations of the labor men that on all advisory committees and committees having to do with the prosecution of the war or the reconstruction period after the war in which labor was affected, organized labor would be given fair representation.

Essential Industries.

The labor representatives concurred that definition of an essential or non-essential industry was a subject which could only be dealt with according to developments in the war. The labor delegates requested, however, that before any industry was classed as non-essential organized labor should have an opportunity of placing its views before the authorities.

Protection of women employed in industries was urged. The labor men also asked pay for women equal to that previously paid to men for the same class of work, and the right of women to protect themselves through trades unions. The labor men further declared that the further industrial employment of women should be accompanied by political equality, and that women should be given the opportunity of expressing their opinions through the ballot.

Land Question.

The Government was asked to expropriate lands held in the West for speculative purposes, and to pass necessary legislation to enable many persons resident in cities to return to the land as owners of small farms.

The labor men finally expressed themselves as opposed to the closing of places of amusement, and asked the Government to register wealth if registration of man-power was undertaken.

PROVINCE TAKES UP VANCOUVER'S SIDE IN BIG LIQUOR CASE

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—Mayor Gale announced upon his return from Victoria last night that together with City Prosecutor Matland he had interviewed Attorney-General Farris while in the Capital, and it had been arranged that the Attorney-General's Department was to take over the legal battle which is now in progress over large quantities of liquor seized by the city police some time ago under the provisions of the Prohibition Act.

As there is over \$10,000 worth of brandy and whisky involved in the litigation, the former owners, having sued Chief of Police McKee for the return of the liquor and the chief having ignored the summons, the civic authorities were a trifle worried regarding the legal possibilities of the action. In other words, the city might possibly lose the case and the whisky be forfeited.

In order to obviate such a possibility and the added complication of the city being saddled with the legal costs of enforcing a provincial statute, Attorney-General Farris assured the Mayor and the City Prosecutor that his Department would take over the case.

Mayor Gale said that he was informed by City Prosecutor Matland that the Attorney-General's Department was to take over the case by City Prosecutor Matland. This was to the effect that the liquor having been seized for illegal possession, it was therefore subject to confiscation and becomes the property of the Crown, as represented by the Attorney-General's Department. The case will be fought out on those lines.

CRITICISM ON FUEL.

New York, Feb. 2.—Criticism of the action of shippers and producers in sending coal to Canada at a period when factories throughout New York State need fuel to carry out Government war contracts, is contained in a statement issued here by C. S. Roberts, Deputy State Fuel Administrator.

CARSON AT BELFAST.

Belfast, Feb. 2.—Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, arrived here yesterday to consult with the Ulsterites regarding the situation brought about by the progress of the Irish Convention. He received a great ovation.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—The demand to-day for all grades of cash oats was very good, with spreads on some grades a shade better. A large amount of cash oats is said to have changed hands in the past few days. Cash barley was in good demand, with the usual light offerings. Prices in futures reached a new high record of 160. Cash flax was quiet with light offerings. The Wheat Export Company was taking all Wheat of the higher grades and millers were looking for grades No. 4 and 5, with offerings very light.

Oats closed 2 higher for May and 1c higher for July. Barley closed 1c higher for May. Flax closed 1c higher for May.

Old contract—
New contract—
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Cash prices: Oats—2 C.W., 82; 2 C.W., 84; 1 feed, 85; No. 1 feed, 74; No. 2 feed, 75; No. 3 feed, 76; No. 4 feed, 77; No. 5 feed, 78; No. 6 feed, 79; No. 7 feed, 80; No. 8 feed, 81; No. 9 feed, 82; No. 10 feed, 83; No. 11 feed, 84; No. 12 feed, 85; No. 13 feed, 86; No. 14 feed, 87; No. 15 feed, 88; No. 16 feed, 89; No. 17 feed, 90; No. 18 feed, 91; No. 19 feed, 92; No. 20 feed, 93; No. 21 feed, 94; No. 22 feed, 95; No. 23 feed, 96; No. 24 feed, 97; No. 25 feed, 98; No. 26 feed, 99; No. 27 feed, 100; No. 28 feed, 101; No. 29 feed, 102; No. 30 feed, 103; No. 31 feed, 104; No. 32 feed, 105; No. 33 feed, 106; No. 34 feed, 107; No. 35 feed, 108; No. 36 feed, 109; No. 37 feed, 110; No. 38 feed, 111; No. 39 feed, 112; No. 40 feed, 113; No. 41 feed, 114; No. 42 feed, 115; No. 43 feed, 116; No. 44 feed, 117; No. 45 feed, 118; No. 46 feed, 119; No. 47 feed, 120; No. 48 feed, 121; No. 49 feed, 122; No. 50 feed, 123; No. 51 feed, 124; No. 52 feed, 125; No. 53 feed, 126; No. 54 feed, 127; No. 55 feed, 128; 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NEW LINER MELITA NOW IN COMMISSION

Is One of Two Improved Additions to C. P. O. S. Atlantic Fleet

Perhaps one of the most significant illustrations of Britain's unassailable position in this war and emphasizing the futility of enemy assertions that she can be reduced to impotency through the wholesale destruction of her shipping, is the fact that, apart from the assistance being rendered by the United States in the supply of tonnage to offset the losses through unrestricted submarine warfare, the great shipyards of the United Kingdom, despite the tremendous demands made upon them by the navy are now in a position to devote attention to the construction of vessels other than cargo carriers or warships.

In this respect it is interesting to observe that the fleet of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., has been added to by the commissioning of the new 15,000-ton passenger liner Melita, the announcement having been made that this steamship is now plying in the Atlantic trade.

The Melita is the first of two sister vessels ordered by the company prior to the outbreak of the war. Her sister liner, the Minnedosa, it is understood, will shortly be placed in the Atlantic service. These vessels are similar in type to the steamships Missanable and Metagama, but of an improved design.

VANCOUVER WAS IN FEAR OF EXPLOSION

Vancover, Feb. 2.—The Vancouver Board of Trade has been very anxious to know if there is any chance of an explosion, similar to the Halifax disaster, happening on the Vancouver waterfront and Secretary W. A. Blair wrote to the Harbor Commissioners for information on this point. Captain S. Cullington, port warden, in a reply to Mr. Blair, says: "There are no explosives located on any dock within the harbor limits."

NEW I. M. B. INSPECTOR

H. E. Graves, of New Westminster, has been appointed Inspector of Imperial Munitions Board wooden steamships under construction at the Lyall yards, North Vancouver, and the Western Canada yard, Vancouver. Before coming to British Columbia eight years ago, Mr. Graves was one of the best-known shipbuilders in the Maritime Provinces. He formerly owned a shipyard at Harvey, on the St. John River.

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SHIPPING ALLIANCE FORMED BY ALLIES

British, American and French Organize New Atlantic Conference

Liverpool, Feb. 2.—British, American and French steamship lines interested in the North Atlantic trade have concluded an alliance for the purpose of governing the passenger business of the lines. The alliance will be known as the "Atlantic Conference," replacing a similar organization which existed before the war, but from which the German and Austrian lines are now excluded. The main offices of the organization will be in Paris.

The formation of the new "Conference" may be taken as a definite and far-reaching step towards an after-war shipping policy in which the Entente Allies do not propose to allow Germany to dictate. The old pre-war Atlantic Conference had its offices at Jena, in the heart of Germany, and it held most of its meetings in Berlin and Cologne. The new conference will consist, for the present, only of British, American and French lines. German and Austrian lines are excluded, and no neutral lines have yet been admitted.

Consolidation of Interests.

The underlying idea of the organization is protective. A representative of the conference, in a talk with the newspaper men here, said that, in a primary object is to consolidate, in a commercial sense, the interests of the Allies who have stood shoulder to shoulder in the war. We must have everything ready when peace is declared to endeavor to conserve business to the Allies and to keep control of the Atlantic trade. We know that we have had to suffer in the past through the insidious German penetration, and how the German lines worked always to the prejudice of other nationalities in spite of their agreements.

The new organization will co-operate with various sectional conferences which are already in existence, such as the Trans-Atlantic Passenger Conference in New York, and the Mediterranean-Atlantic Conference, which includes mainly Italian and British lines. The Atlantic Conference, as at present constituted, includes the following lines: Cunard, White Star, Allan, Canadian Pacific, Anchor, Anchor-Donaldson and Dominion (British); American Line (American); Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (French).

WIRELESS REPORTS

Feb. 2, 8 a.m.

Point Grey—Snow; rain; S. E. fresh; 29.55; 32; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E. fresh; 29.52; 34; sea moderate.

Pachena—Overcast; S. E. fresh; 29.52; 34; sea moderate.

Estevan—Cloudy; S. W. fresh; 29.50; 40; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.56; 32; sea smooth. Spoke str. Admiral Evans, 3 a.m. off Storm Island, 7 a.m. southbound.

Triangle—Rain; N. W. light; 29.54; 40; sea moderate. Spoke str. Chelohsin, 10.30 p.m. north of Surf Inlet, southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. E. light; 29.51; 34; sea smooth.

Hedda Bay—Rain, S. E.; 29.13; 33; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Rain; S. E.; 29.53; 33; sea smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey—Overcast; S. E.; 30.00; 34; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E. fresh; 29.51; 41; sea moderate. Spoke str. Venture, 9.15 a.m. abeam Cape Mudge, northbound.

Pachena—Overcast; S. E. fresh; 29.53; 44; sea moderate.

Estevan—Passing showers; S. W. fresh; 29.52; 42; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Overcast; S. E. moderate; 29.50; 39; sea moderate.

Triangle—Overcast; N. W. moderate; 29.54; 42; sea moderate. Spoke str. Victoria, noon, abeam Triangle Island, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.55; 40; sea moderate.

Hedda Bay—Rain; S. E. light; 29.54; 40; sea moderate.

Prince Rupert—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.49; 39; sea moderate. Passed out str. Princess Sophia, 10.30 a.m. southbound.

TIDE TABLE.

Date.	Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low
1	6:42	8.5	12:35	6.5	18:32	6.2	22:26	6.7
2	6:40	8.7	12:31	6.6	18:28	6.4	22:20	6.9
3	6:38	8.9	12:27	6.7	18:24	6.2	22:14	7.1
4	6:36	9.1	12:23	6.8	18:20	6.0	22:08	7.3
5	6:34	9.3	12:19	6.9	18:16	5.8	22:02	7.5
6	6:32	9.5	12:15	7.0	18:12	5.6	21:56	7.7
7	6:30	9.7	12:11	7.1	18:08	5.4	21:50	7.9
8	6:28	9.9	12:07	7.2	18:04	5.2	21:44	8.1
9	6:26	10.1	12:03	7.3	18:00	5.0	21:38	8.3
10	6:24	10.3	11:59	7.4	17:56	4.8	21:32	8.5
11	6:22	10.5	11:55	7.5	17:52	4.6	21:26	8.7
12	6:20	10.7	11:51	7.6	17:48	4.4	21:20	8.9
13	6:18	10.9	11:47	7.7	17:44	4.2	21:14	9.1
14	6:16	11.1	11:43	7.8	17:40	4.0	21:08	9.3
15	6:14	11.3	11:39	7.9	17:36	3.8	21:02	9.5
16	6:12	11.5	11:35	8.0	17:32	3.6	20:56	9.7
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22	6:00	12.7	11:11	8.6	17:08	2.4	20:20	10.9
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24	5:56	13.1	11:03	8.8	17:00	2.0	20:08	11.3
25	5:54	13.3	10:59	8.9	16:56	1.8	20:02	11.5
26	5:52	13.5	10:55	9.0	16:52	1.6	19:56	11.7
27	5:50	13.7	10:51	9.1	16:48	1.4	19:50	11.9
28	5:48	13.9	10:47	9.2	16:44	1.2	19:44	12.1
29	5:46	14.1	10:43	9.3	16:40	1.0	19:38	12.3
30	5:44	14.3	10:39	9.4	16:36	0.8	19:32	12.5

NEW REGULATIONS RESULT OF ENEMY SPY ACTIVITIES

All Passengers for Japan Must Now Hold Properly Vised Passports

Enemy spy activities in the Far East, the destruction of at least one steamship as the result of a bomb plot, and the discovery of other attempts at wholesale destruction by German agencies, influenced the Japanese Government to issue the stringent regulations, which went into effect yesterday in regard to admitting citizens of other countries into Japan.

Representatives of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service, Ltd., and the Blue Funnel Line, have been duly advised by the Japanese consul, acting on behalf of the Japanese government, that no passengers from Victoria, or any other port on the Pacific coast at which the vessels of these companies make regular calls, will be permitted to land at any port in Japan unless armed with passports vised by the Japanese consul at the port of departure.

Lines Drawn Tighter.

The intending passenger will now have to satisfy the official representatives of Japan regarding nationality and the extent and purpose of the journey before passports will be signed. If the passport is properly vised by the Japanese consul the prospective passenger may obtain passage to any port in Japan by presenting it at the time application is made for the ticket at the offices of any of the lines with steamships plying to the Orient.

It is said that Germans who have lived in the Far East and can speak the Japanese language have been the most active agents of the Kaiser in Japan. In some instances they have been known to pose as Russian immigrants. Most of the plots, however, have been hatched by the Japanese secret service and very little damage has been done by aliens.

Loss of Hitachi.

Since the mysterious disappearance of the Japanese steamship Hitachi Maru, of the N. Y. K. fleet, several months ago, there has been a nationwide spy hunt in Japan. Numerous plots have been unearthed, and it is now believed that the Hitachi Maru was destroyed by a bomb secreted aboard prior to the liner's departure from Japan. The steamship disappeared while bound from Japan for Europe via South Africa, and although the seas have been scoured by search vessels, not a trace of the missing ship has been found.

Japanese Fishermen Were Picked Up by Pacific Freighter

A Pacific Port, Feb. 2.—Thirty Japanese fishermen, rescued from a fishing boat whose engines were disabled and provisions exhausted twenty-four hours out of Yokohama, were in port here to-day aboard a Japanese freighter. An officer of the freighter said the men had been removed at their request against the wishes of their master, although the fishing boat had been defeated for two weeks in its efforts to regain shore. The master with five of his crew, remained on board, heading toward Japan.

HERRING RUN IN GULF IS BEHIND SCHEDULE

Vancover, Feb. 2.—The gasoline boat Tasco, owned by the Canadian Fishing Company, has returned to Vancouver with an empty hold. She was dispatched to Nanaimo to secure a load of herring for use as halibut bait but the herring has not commenced at the island port and no fish were procurable. The run of herring is very late and the season will be backward. Pender Harbor has already proved a failure this season.

C. P. R. LINER SUNK IN COLLISION



STEAMSHIP MONTREAL

Montreal, Feb. 2.—The steamship Montreal reported sunk in collision was a Canadian Pacific Railway steamship.

AGREEMENT PREDICTED IN FISHERY DISPUTE

International Fisheries Commission Expected on This Coast Next Month

Washington, Feb. 2.—It is probable an agreement will be reached between the Governments of the United States and Canada on the fisheries questions on the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts in the near future. This will include the contention over the halibut fisheries, which has been acute for the last two years.

Representatives of the two Governments have given the fisheries question some consideration in Washington City in the past ten days. The Atlantic Coast fisheries have been to the fore at the conferences that have been held, but the Pacific Coast and Alaska questions are to come up within the next two months.

The representatives of the two Governments have left Washington and are now in Boston, gathering data on which an agreement can be based. From Boston they will go to New Brunswick, Canada, returning to Washington the latter part of next week.

Upon their return further conferences will be held with Secretary W. C. Redfield, of the Department of Commerce; Hugh H. Smith, commissioner of fisheries, and representatives of the State Department. The joint commission is planning to leave for Seattle about the middle of March, but the trip may be postponed until early April. It is probable that the commission will go to Prince Rupert and Ketchikan before returning here.

The utmost friendliness has been manifested on both sides since the beginning of the conference. The close relation of the two Governments in the world war has been reflected and there is a desire on the part of both Governments to settle the fisheries dispute for all time.

ENTERPRISE NETS EXTENSIVE ORDERS

Shipyards of Seattle to Supply Sixty-five Ocean Vessels for U. S. Government

Seattle, Feb. 2.—Sixty-five ocean-going ships—forty-seven of steel and eighteen of wood—form the great fleet which the Seattle shipbuilding industry has contracted to construct for the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation at a total cost approximating \$80,000,000.

The total jumped to sixty-five yesterday when the Government announced the awarding of contracts for fourteen more 8,500-ton steel steamships to the Skinner & Eddy Corporation and for eight wooden hulls to the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company.

In detail, the great fleet represented by the contracts will consist of ten 8,400-ton steel steamships complete, twenty-seven 8,500-ton steel steamships complete, ten 7,500-ton steel steamships complete, four 3,500-ton wooden steamships complete and fourteen wooden hulls.

All the foregoing figures refer only to direct Government contracts for cargo ships. Other contracts, including those commanded by the Government, swell the grand total for the industry to approximately \$125,000,000.

The cargo fleet contracted for in Seattle by the Government aggregates 469,600 deadweight tons in cargo capacity, 406,000 in steel ships and 63,000 in wooden ships. In detail, the list of Government contracts for steel and wooden vessels now held by Seattle plants follows:

Seattle Construction & Drydock Company—Ten 7,500-ton steel steamships complete.

Skinner & Eddy Corporation—Nine 8,500-ton steel steamships complete.

Ericksen Engineering Company—Ten 8,400-ton steel steamships complete.

Patterson—MacDonald Shipbuilding Company—Eight 8,500-ton steel steamships complete.

Meacham & Babcock Shipbuilding Company—Four 3,500-ton wooden steamships complete and two 3,500-ton wooden hulls.

Nilsen & Kelso Shipbuilding Company—Four 3,500-ton wooden hulls.

Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company—Four 3,500-ton wooden hulls.

STRIKE WILL DEPEND ON VOTES CAST BY SHIPYARD WORKERS

Some of the Affiliated Organizations Have Already Voted to Enforce Demand

Whether or not a strike will be called by the men employed in the British Columbia wooden shipbuilding yards controlled by the Imperial Munitions Board will be decided by the referendum which is being voted upon this week by the workers.

The indications are that the men vote in favor of a walkout by a large majority, according to a statement made by a representative of the men, unless the Imperial Munitions Board decides to grant the ten per cent bonus, which is the sole bone of contention between the men and employers. All the labor organizations affiliated with the Metal Trades Council are being given an opportunity to vote on the point at issue. The boilermakers in Vancouver, it is understood, voted sixty-four to four in favor of the enforcement of the demand.

Announcement To-Morrow.

It is expected that a definite announcement regarding the labor stand will be made following a meeting of the Metal Trades Council called for to-night.

All the labor organizations should have voted on the question by the middle of the week, and if the vote is in favor of a strike the calling of the men will rest with the Metal Trades Council.

The yards affected are the Foundation Company, Ltd., Victoria; Cameron Gens Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., Victoria; Lyall Shipbuilding Company, Ltd., North Vancouver; Western Canada Shipbuilders, Ltd., Vancouver, and the I. M. B. yards at New Westminster and Coquitlam. These yards have nothing to do with the payment of wages to the workers. The matter is in the hands of the Imperial Munitions Board.

THE WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

sew ap. 1st times at 10 a.m. in m. Victoria, Feb. 2.—4 a.m.—The barometer remains abnormally low over Northern B.C. and milder weather is gradually spreading inland over this province. Considerable snow has fallen on the Lower Mainland and light falls are reported in Kootenay and parts of Alberta. Zero temperatures continue in Manitoba.

Reports.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 37; wind, 16 miles S.E.; rain, 10; raining; trace, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 29; wind, 6 miles E.; snow, 4 in.; snowing.

Nanaimo (Entrance Island) Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 34; wind, 14 miles E.; snow, trace, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 26; minimum, 10; calm; fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 16; minimum, 8; calm; snow, 1 in.; fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, maximum yesterday, 23; minimum, 20; wind, 26 miles E.; snow, 40 in.; cloudy.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 33; wind, 12 miles S.; rain, 42 in.; rain.

Pugetland, P.E.—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 23; minimum, 20; wind, 4 miles N.W.; snow, 5.5 in.; cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 29; wind, 12 miles S.E.; snow, 4.8 in.; cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 46; wind, 16 miles N.E.; rain, 10 in.; cloudy.

Temperature.

Place	Max.	Min.
Pentlitz	27	12
Cranbrook	4	4
Nelson	16	16
Grand Forks	12	12
Calgary	24	24
Edmonton	14	14
Qu'Appelle	8	8
Winnipeg	8	8
Toronto	8	8
Ottawa	2	2
Montreal	0	0
St. John	14	14
Halifax	16	16

Grip Follows the Snow.

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MILITARY ORDERS

Appointments, Transfers, Etc., Notified From Headquarters No. 11 District.

The following military orders are issued by command of Col. J. Duff Stuart, for General Officer Commanding:

1st Col. Frank C. McTavish, C. A. M. C., is detailed for duty as assistant director of Medical Services in military district No. 11, with effect from November 20, 1917.

Quar. and Hon. Capt. Wm. Everett McIntyre, C.A.M.C., officer in charge of district medical stores, will be demobilized with effect from February 3, in consequence of having been posted to the C.E.F.

A.M.C. Training Depot: To be captains Capt. Neil Edward MacDougall (A.M.C.), December 28, 1917; Capt. Edwin Henry Funk (A.M.C.), January 14, 1918; Lieut. David Edwin Wiley (A.M.C.), January 16, 1918.

2nd Depot Battalion: To be Lieut. (temp.) Lieut. William Maude Moore (102nd Regt.), December 5, 1917.

Capt. Claude Ivor Mackenzie (88th Regt.), late 1st Reserve Battalion, is struck off the strength of the C.E.F. in Canada, and returns to the Active Militia Unit to which he formerly belonged.

Transfers.

The following transfers are authorized from No. 11 Casualty Unit, C.E.F., to "J" Unit, M.H.C.C.: Pte. G. V. H. Franklin, Q.M.-S. G. Grant, Pte. J. R. Barlow, Pte. T. Arnold, Pte. D. M. Mowat, Pte. F. E. Olsen, Sgt. E. Dawson, Pte. F. Mann, Pte. G. Munro, Pte. W. Spears, Pte. W. Baker, and Pte. A. Robson.

From No. 11 Casualty Unit, C.E.F., to "J" Unit, M.H.C.C.: Pte. A. Keighley, Pte. J. Ashton, Pte. D. McLean, Act-Sergt. H. W. Fuller, Pte. J. M. Chatterton, Pte. W. L. Reid, Sgt. J. Whitehurst, Pte. W. G. Collicott, Pte. W. Hamilton, Pte. T. F. Brown.

From A.M.C.D., No. 11, to 2nd Depot Battalion, B.C. Regt., C.E.F.: Pte. M. W. Irvine, Pte. G. Lacey, Pte. G. S. Swan, Pte. B. Vowles, Pte. R. B. Webb, Pte. J. Wells.

From H.M.C. Training Depot No. 11, to Forestry Depot, C.E.F.: Pte. A. Conard, Pte. A. C. Daley, Pte. W. E. Erwin, Pte. J. F. Pepper.

From "J" Unit, M.H.C.C., to No. 11, Special Service Co., C.E.F.: Pte. H. H. Pratt, 11th C.M.R.

KILLED IN ACTION

Corpl. Edwin Tuck Was One of First to Respond to Country's Call.

Among the first here to volunteer for service overseas, leaving the city in August, 1914, with a draft from the 60th Gordon Highlanders, Corpl. Edwin ("Ned") Tuck, son of Mrs. Tuck, ("Ned") Tuck, 804 Quadra Street, was killed in action, January 19.

Contracting illness while at Salisbury Plain Corpl. Tuck was sent back to Victoria in March, 1915. Leaving again for England in May of last year, he reached France on September 5, being attached to the 4th Battalion.

He is also a veteran of the South African war.

Corpl. Tuck, who was thirty-nine years of age, came to the city as a boy from New Brunswick and was in the employ of the B. C. Telephone Co., when he enlisted. His widow and child, and his sister, Miss Isla Tuck, are living in the city, and his brother, Lieut. Douglas Tuck, is in France with the 25th Battalion.

DIES AFTER WOUNDS

Pte. Reggie Cooley Succumbs to Diphtheria in Hospital in France.

Mrs. H. Cooley, 37 Menzies Street, has received a cable stating that her son, Pte. Reggie Cooley, who, she had heard a week ago, was dangerously ill with diphtheria at the 5th Field Ambulance Depot, France, has died. The disease followed gunshot wounds in the thigh.

Born here Pte. Cooley, who would have been 21 in April, was educated at the South Park and High Schools, and left the service of the Cameron Automobile Company to enlist, leaving here with the 163rd Battalion. Thirteen months ago he reached France with the 2nd C. M. R.

In addition to his parents, two sisters, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Gardiner, and a brother, are living in the city.

WINS MILITARY MEDAL

Distinction Awarded Corpl. W. E. Revercomb, Well-Known Footballer Here.

Corpl. W. E. Revercomb, of the 7th Battalion, son of C. M. and Mrs. Revercomb, 1911 Belmont Avenue, has been awarded the Military Medal.

Now only twenty-one years of age, Corpl. Revercomb, who was a member of the C. P. R. football and baseball teams, and very well-known in the city, went overseas with the 48th Battalion, June 1915, and reached France the following March, the 48th then having been converted into the 3rd Canadian Pioneers.

In June last year he was transferred to the 7th Battalion. Educated at the Victoria High School he was employed in the E. & N. Railway freight department before enlisting.

THREE MEN WOUNDED

Capt. G. McI. Bruce, M. C., Not Yet 21, on Visit to Mother in Vancouver.

Capt. George Melville Bruce, M. C., who has three times been wounded, has returned to Vancouver, and is staying with his mother while receiving special treatment for a severe wound in the shoulder. Capt. Bruce is attached to the 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment, and, although not yet twenty-one years of age, has served at the front since July, 1915. He left Vancouver at the age of sixteen to enter the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

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MUNICIPAL BONDS AFFECTED BY LOAN

Manager for City's Fiscal
Agents Discusses Finance
With Council

R. W. Steele, manager of the Montreal branch of the Dominion Securities Corporation, is on a visit to the city. His company being the city's fiscal agents, he met the aldermen yesterday afternoon to discuss the financial situation. In a chat with The Times last evening he said in part:

"The general financial situation is completely dominated by war finance. The recent success of the Victory Loan, taking \$400,000,000, has left the country comparatively bare of investment funds. As most of the proceeds of the Victory Loan will be disbursed within the country, during the year there will probably be a shortage of capital, but it is essential that such recuperation be held in readiness for future war demands."

Federal Order.

"This gave rise to the recent federal Order-in-Council prohibiting bond issues except with the consent of the Finance Minister. There seems to be considerable apprehension in some sections of the country concerning this Order-in-Council."

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RESTORE EQUITY IN PROPERTY TO PRESENT OWNERS

Such is Principle of Board of
Trade Scheme, Council is Told

DELEGATION EXPLAINS CASE TO ALDERMEN

"The underlying policy of the Board of Trade recommendation," said Councilor J. J. Shallock to the City Council yesterday afternoon, "is to restore an equity in property to the present taxpayers." The remark was made when the aldermen were receiving a delegation from the Board recommending the plan already published to meet tax delinquency. The delegation was composed of President James Forman, J. L. Beckwith, C. T. Cross, R. S. Day, F. B. Pemberton, J. J. Shallock, A. R. Wolfenden and F. Elworthy, secretary.

The outcome of the conference was that the Council appointed its legislative committee (Aldermen Sargent, chairman; Aldermen Sangster and Cameron) to act with a committee of the Board composed of Messrs. Shallock, Wolfenden and Pemberton. The Mayor and President of the Board were named ex officio members. A meeting of the joint committee is to be held in the immediate future to discuss the City's private bill with a view to amendments.

Tax Collection.

Mr. Shallock prefaced his explanation by emphasizing the seriousness of the situation. Above all considerations in this matter, retention of the City's credit was essential. Yet they found the sinking funds largely in arrears owing to the policy of fear of having a tax sale, property delinquent since 1912 not having been offered. He argued in favor of a tax sale, not only as the legal way of collection, but for its exemplary effect on others who were now negligent. Of the Board's proposal, as already published, many complimentary statements had been made, and it had just received the endorsement of the Hudson's Bay Company.

After stating that in his opinion Alderman Sargent's scheme had merit but did not go far enough, Mr. Shallock said that a careful scrutiny disclosed that out of 299 by-laws for ordinary improvements, not expropriation, only ten exceeded by fifty per cent. the engineer's estimate. When the amount was not excessively exceeded, there was not much moral right and less legal right for readjustment. Expropriations, however, told another story. He thought the best selection of the Board of Assessors for adjustment would be a board selected by the Council, three members to be chosen, but one assessor would be enough if selected from outside. Personally he favored the tax sale for both years, 1918 and 1914.

Reasons for Optimism.

Mr. Shallock pointed out that the improvement in financial conditions, the lack of unemployment, and other factors conducive to optimism and warranted confidence. A city which raised \$4,000,000 for the Victory Loan in November should not hesitate to pay its obligations. If they did not, what would happen? About forty per cent. of the local improvement assessments were now paid, and would not further laxity result in a smaller percentage in 1918? Therefore action was essential. The position of the Government of British Columbia to-day was that it was forcing the municipalities to obtain money from capital investment, while it took for its own purposes the revenues from income. The four counties should unite on common action to obtain their percentage of taxes from amusement, motor-licenses, etc., which rightly belonged to the municipalities which policed the services and were otherwise under a liability to protect them.

Assessment Revision.

Mr. Forman desired to say a word with regard to the assessment, which he regarded as of vital importance in adjustment. The most urgent problem, in his opinion, was to reorganize the assessment. He did not think it necessary to drop below \$45,000,000 on land, but the essential factor was reappportioning the load. That adjustment would best be made by a commission. No Court of Revision had shown any desire to meet the situation as it should be faced.

Taxation of Improvements.

Speaking of the taxation of improvements, he doubted if the Council, even when loyal to the single tax principle, might not rightly charge something of the cost of the fire and police departments against improvements.

Mr. Cross remarked, with regard to the latter suggestion, that some years ago the Council, to add to the stability and beauty of the city, passed stringent building by-laws, which had added greatly to the cost of the buildings. Every effort was put forward to stimulate building, so that any change in principle at this date ought to be carefully weighed before additional taxation was imposed.

Largest Taxpayers.

Mr. Wolfenden said, as representative of the largest taxpayers in Victoria, he believed the report rightly expressed the considered opinion of the Board.

Mr. Pemberton dealt with the question of relief for corner lots in local improvement schemes. Mayor Todd hoped to see some compromise worked out of the various proposals, and agreed that the suggestions of the Board were worthy of every consideration. The committee was then struck.

GARBAGE TOWAGE IS SUBJECT OF ARGUMENT

Majority Think Material Should
Go Mile and a Half
to Sea

The City Council in committee yesterday afternoon spent three-quarters of an hour on a question which was argued from every angle. It was the award of the garbage towage contract for two years. While the present contractor was in competition with another man for the work, the situation was complicated by two factors. One was a disinclination by contractors to accept the item in the specifications requiring towage to be at least a mile and a half from the lighthouse on the breakwater (the present contract is three miles offshore); the other a report from a special committee constituted by the late council, which had recommended the dumping of ashes in certain specified areas and the segregation of all garbage looking to that result.

Question of Distance.

The question of the contract first engaged consideration, Alderman Andros holding that it was improper and unnecessary for the city to place an absolute distance for towage in the contract provided that the contractor bound himself to prevent it from being washed back and was penalized against negligence.

The City Engineer strongly advised the Council to impose a definite limit, warning them of trouble unless the contractor covenanted to a definite length of towage from the harbor.

Alderman Walker pointed out that the city must impose proper obligations, or else the right to dump would be withdrawn by the harbor authorities and the Provincial Board of Health.

Difference of Opinion.

Alderman Andros declared that Capt. Gardiner, the present contractor did not fulfil the specification at the present time, insofar as distance was concerned, whereupon Mr. Rust jumped up and said the department constantly checked the distances.

In answer to Alderman Sangster, Mr. Rust replied there had been complaints from the Dallas road residents last summer of debris being washed back on the beaches, but it was very difficult to state definitely whether it came from the garbage scows or from debris thrown out of the coasting steamers.

Committee Appointed.

The Council appointed a committee composed of Aldermen Dinsdale, Sangster, Walker and Andros to bring in a report on the subject, the recommendation being that the contract should be renewed to Capt. Gardiner at \$55 a month, subject to a penalty clause to remove the material the required distance. However before finally dealing with the subject, it was thought best to meet the other contractor bidding on the work.

Alderman Sargent reintroduced the report on dumping of ashes, and a division of opinion arose as to whether the Council should agree to hot ashes being placed on lands where they might result in a conflagration.

Ross Bay Ravine.

One of the dumping grounds suggested was the ravine in Ross Bay cemetery, and thereupon Alderman Harvey said the Anglican synod, as owners, would expect to see it filled up with good material.

Before dealing with the disposal of ashes, it was resolved to consult the officials again, so to the same special committee named above was sent a recommendation to report on this phase of the subject.

WORLD POLITICS.

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VANCOUVER LAUNCHES NEW WEEKLY JOURNAL

Edited by Two Ministers The
Western Witness Makes
Its Bow

To the newspaper gallery of British Columbia there comes to-day the first issue of The Western Witness. Titles nowadays suggest but little so that its qualification immediately follows by way of explanation: The Witness is to be published weekly in Vancouver, and its policy will be "independent, progressive and constructive." Its editors are men who have been much in the public eye for several years past and will be remembered as fearless in their public utterances. The Rev. A. E. Cooke, of the First Congregational Church, Vancouver, and the Rev. J. Richmond Craig, of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, will resign in the editorial sanctum.

Of Good Appearance.

The first issue contains eight pages attractively enough arranged and substantially enlivened with advertising matter, while the paper stock chosen places the journal in possession of the necessary "tone" over its daily rival. It is pleasing to the eye and agreeable to the touch; in fact for war time The Western Witness appears to get off to an excellent start.

It can scarcely be said that there is much new in its pronounced policy, most estimable though its aspirations may be. Many new ventures have set forth with those self same bold declarations others have waded from the house-tops a superiority over their fellows. Many have fallen by the wayside. Says The Witness: "..... we are convinced that there is a real need at the present time in this province of ours for a journal which should stand for the things worth while, untrammeled by party associations and uncontrolled by financial or corporate interests of any kind."

A Tall Programme.

The Witness hopes to emulate the contents of Washington Gladden, the veteran leader and publisher of Co-

lumbus, Ohio. As a brief epitome of its purpose and policy, The Witness declares it will strive "to teach the people to avoid exaggeration and insolent speech, and to cultivate moderate and rational modes of expression; to resist the tendencies which demoralize democracy and which substitute the mob mind for the deliberative habit; to hold the popular judgment firmly to the truth that character and manhood, and not money and popularity, are the central values of human existence; to turn the thoughts of men more and more from the negative virtue of detecting and exposing the evil to the positive virtue of discerning and praising the good."

No Churchiness.

The editors note the signs of the times and see a value in adding their voice to the discussion of the many problems vital to the welfare of the people. Pecksniffianism is their pet aversion. They do not claim all the wisdom of the ancients nor all the experience of the moderns, neither do they hold to possess a superabundance of righteousness. The reader is dissuaded of any preconceived notion, due to the avocation of its editors, that The Witness will saturate itself with "churchiness," for it is plainly hinted that only such news as may be regarded as of general interest to the public will find a way to its columns. It promises a series of special articles dealing with the world's affairs and a bright and vigorous treatment of current events.

The Returned Soldier.

There is a wholesome conception in the first issue of the returned soldier problem. It is realized that before a solution is found the best brains of Canada will be fully taxed. Mindful of recent Vancouver election by-play, however, The Witness opines that to adopt any ill-considered scheme, only to be proved unworkable later, with the object of gaining immediate popularity, would be as reprehensible on the part of the Government as would any attempt on the part of the critics to stampee public opinion.

It All Depends.

So long as The Western Witness retains its ideal—and its very essential advertising revenue—so long should the journal which makes its bow to the public to-day live to add its views to other newspapers of British Columbia, whether throttled by the interests of The Witness, or free and untrammelled as itself claims to be.

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